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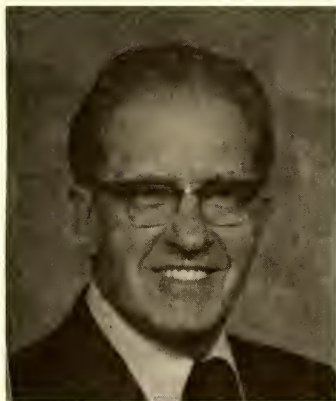
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"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against
it." Matthew 16: 18.

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To Historian Gladys Hopper this History of our Church. She has given of her life to religious, charitable and educational endeavors in this community. It was with loyalty that she served the church well as long as her health would permit. Since 1928 she has gathered information relative to the church and kept it along with a number of pictures for history use. She has been Church Historian since 1963 and has kept the Association and State convention posted on current happenings at our church.

Her collection of items and knowledge of the church made this history much easier.

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PREFACE

It is a difficult task to compile and edit an authentic history of a wonderful church like New Hope Baptist Church at Earl, North Carolina. It has been a labor of love for the enrichment we have received in our association with the church and its membership and in the product we humbly submit as a history that will enrich your life with words and pictures.

While our church dates back to 1874, it must be pointed out that no minutes could be found for several years. Other church minutes in this area gave some activity of New Hope in their records. Later information was found in associational activity and different pieces of information from some of our older members that were told them by their relatives and friends of the early years of our church. This information, along with records at the Library of Gardner Webb College, was searched and that information added to our records to make up the history for the 100th Anniversary.

For this publication many people searched our local church and Kings Mountain Associational records for information concerning a given subject and different people compiled the notes and gave them to the Historian or Chairman of the committee. It must be pointed out that not all of our church records were available to us as some were lost and we are aware that some were destroyed by fire. There were periods that complete minutes could not be found. However, we believe that the information in this history is factual in that it either came from someone that received it first hand and told it to the Historian, or it was written in our church records and those of the Association.

We could not have assembled this book of information had it not been for the large number of our members contributing their help and the many pictures that were loaned us to be reproduced for use in this history.

If some special event or document was left out it was just an oversight, or space and time were not available.

Mrs. Gladys Hopper, Historian
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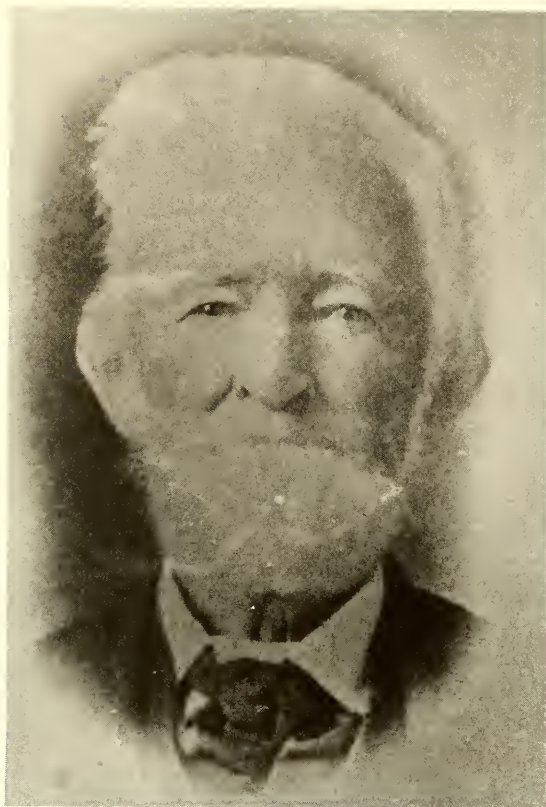


Rev. M. David Gordon,
Present Pastor

The founding members of New Hope had a vision of God's Hope for the people of this community. In 1874, New Hope Baptist Church was born out of this spiritual insight and enduring faith. These faithful Christians risked, sacrificed and labored together to build this church. They took Christ's Great Commission seriously. With dedication, the people of New Hope have given, taught, led and worked.

In its 109 year history, New Hope has witnessed faithfully to the Earl Community "...the unsearchable riches of Christ." It has also provided a stabilizing influence in a changing world. It has sought to reach the lost and to equip the saved. Through its ministry, four of its members have been called as ministers of the gospel and one as a home missionary. New Hope has always strongly supported mission efforts and the cooperative program. In addition, it has been active in the work of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

May New Hope continue to keep its covenant with God: the proclamation of the Hope that is in Christ. May the history of New Hope inspire us to new spiritual insights and even greater ministries for our Lord today.



Our First Pastor - Rev. Thomas Dixon

Our First Pastor - Rev. Thomas Dixon 1873-1882

In 1881 he served five churches at the same time: Antioch and Buffalo in South Carolina, and Sandy Run, New Bethel and New Hope in North Carolina. For his year's work in these churches, he received \$100 plus poundings from his church members. He was Pastor of the Buffalo Church for more than 40 years and of New Prospect Church for 55 years.

The Rev. Dixon organized twenty Baptist churches, baptized over 6,000 persons and married more than 5,000 couples. He was never late for any of his services.

ORIGINAL CONSTITUTION - 1874
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Earl, North Carolina

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in one living and true God, acting under three characters, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory, who is the only Creator and preserver of all things visible and invisible, sin only excepted.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of lost sinners, and that there is no other means of salvation but by Him as he is held forth in the gospel.
3. We believe in the final perseverance of Saints, in the resurrection of the dead, in the final judgement, and everlasting reward and punishment.

Church Government

A particular church is a company of Saints assembled together, by a special covenant, into one distinct body, to be fitly ordered to enjoy constant fellowship with Christ, through the Spirit in all His ways and ordinances, to their mutual edification, and to the glory of God.

Covenant

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we the members of the Baptist Church of Christ at New Hope Cleveland County North Carolina both male and female, having given ourselves unto the Lord, and to one another, and esteeming ourselves a member of a spiritual body, accountable to it, and subject to its control, and not to be separated there from, except by consent, first had or unreasonably refused, do engage through divine assistance to comply with all the requisitions of the gospel, submit to each other in love as brethren in the Lord, by

strictly observing all rules presented in the Word of God, for church government. In testimony and ratification thereof we sign our names

(The above transcribed from original church book (B) to this book (C) by Sallie L. Bettis September 27, 1911.)

Church Rules

1. Church members are to be received, 1st by repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and 2nd by immersion and righthand of fellowship.
2. We profess a subjection to the goodly laws and rules of the State, as well as church so far as it does not infringe on our conscientious privileges.
3. We consider ourselves bound by the Gospel to assemble together at all convenient times or stated meetings, and any male member not attending such stated meetings is requested to send the cause thereof if convenient and if not, to attend the next meeting and show the cause himself.
4. No church-member is to take any strange thing in hand, to act therewith or therein without consulting the church or eldership.
5. All the members of the church shall bear their part of all expenses according to their several abilities, especially in supporting the Lord's table, the minister's table and the table of the poor of the church.
6. The minister is to be subservient to the church, her gospel calls and orders.
7. All public controversies existing between church members, touching their temporal

concerns, are to be brought regularly into the church, and then transmitted to the judges, appointed for such matters; and they are to adjudge the same, and return their judgement to the church and with the church's approval, it shall stand, thus stand decided, that church members may not go to law one with another.

8. Any member, privately aggrieved is not to declare it to any, so as to make the public, but only the offender, except the matter be difficult in such case an elder must be consulted for advice, as to how to proceed, but offenses that are public require public confession and a public dealing.
9. All matters of church government which are not public are not to be spoken of before the world, on pain of being brought under the censure of the church for the same.
10. No member of the church shall make, buy, or sell ardent spirits, or use them as a beverage.
11. Members that have an impression to preach the gospel, shall first be under the hearing of the church and await her common suffrage before they shall go forth in a public way to preach and, if the church forbids, they must desist.
12. If church members withdraw themselves from the Lord's table at the times of communion, they shall show to the church the cause thereof and, if they show not the cause, they are to abide by the councils of the church.

This church possesses an opinion and a privilege of reconsidering causes that are adjudged by the majority of the church to be improperly decided, provided it appears manifest that the church lacked such testi-

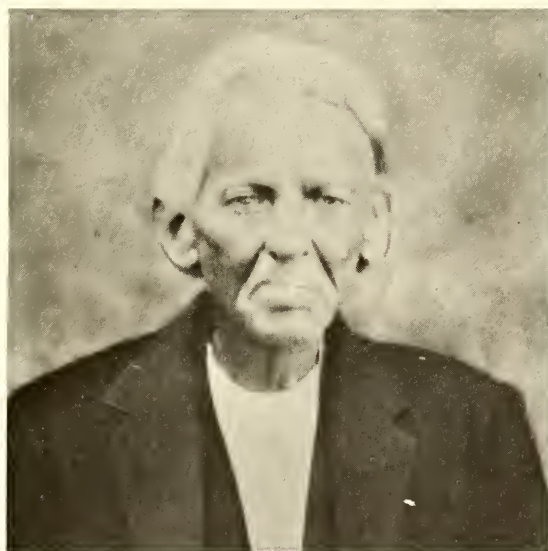
mony as they consider would have been necessary to an administration of justice and equity and which testimony they have means of obtaining.

R. E. Porter
L. M. Logan C. C.

(The above was this day transcribed by
Sallie L. Bettis September 27, 1911
from original church book (B).)

In testimony and ratification of the foregoing constitution, rules and by-laws, we here unto subscribe our names as members of New Hope Baptist Church, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

(Constitution as it appears in Record Book I,
1911 - 1915, 1930 - 1939.)



Born Nov. 5, 1817 - Nov. 7, 1889
Mr. Able Earl who gave the land for our
church and was one of the first deacons.

This Indenture made 23 day of December A. D. 1873 between
Abel Earle and wife Mary, J. W. Gibbons and wife Barbara of
the first part and the building committee of a Baptist Meeting
House on the land hereafter described and to be called, New
Hope Church, To wit: R. W. Hardin, Marston Pippy, Henry
Borden, James Pippy, R. E. Howell and J. W. Moore all of
the State of North Carolina and County of Cleveland, with
it has the said parties of the first part for and in consideration
of the high esteem and regard they entertain toward the sacred
cause of religion and for the further consideration of one
dollar to them in hand paid by the party of the second part
the receipts and payments whereof is hereby acknowledged, they
have by these presents, bargained, granted, sold and conveyed
to the said Committee a certain tract or parcel of land lying
and being situated on both sides of the New Hope road and

including the School House and Spring House as Coarts School House. Beginning on a small Persian man on Coarts and Gibbons old line near the Spring and running thence S 45° W 25 Poles to a stone corner, thence S 57° 40 23 1/2 Poles crossing the road to a small pine and pines, thence 19 poles to a stake in the old fuge road, thence with the said road to 16 poles to the Ross ferry road, thence back with the said road to 11 poles to a stake in the J. W. Gibbons line, thence N. 37° E 32 poles to a stake just below the spring, thence S 1 1/2° W 1 pole to the beginning, containing 4 Acres and 109 rods, 109 rods of which is from J. W. Gibbons and 11 Acres from A. Coart.

We have and to hold unto the said Committee under the Meeting House is erected and a Church of the Baptist faith and order is constituted and organized and then the title to the said land is to rest in the Deacons appointed by a Presbytery for the said Church and their successors in office forever

and the said party of the first part doth hereby for themselves their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns warrant and forever defend the title to the said land together with all and singular appurtenances therunto belonging against themselves their heirs and assigns excepting only the use of the School House and Spring for Public School purposes then to the said Deacon and their Successors in office forever in fee simple,

In testimony whereof they have hereunto set their hands and seals, date first above written.

Signed Sealed &c.
in presence of }
D. H. Hounwick }
Henry Warden

Abel Earl Seal
Mary Earl Seal
J. W. Gibbons Seal
Barbara^{the} Gibbons Seal

State of North Carolina
Hendland County }

This 24 day of Jan'y 1890 Personally appeared before me
Mary Earl and thereupon the said Mary Earl being by me.

privately examined separate and apart from husband touching her free consent in the execution of the said deed of conveyance.

H. P. Austell J. P. Seal

(North Carolina
Cleveland County, N.C.)

The foregoing certificate of H. P. Austell, a Justice of the Peace in Cleveland County is adjudged to be correct. Let this instrument with certificate be registered.

This 16 April 1890

J. D. Lattinore Co. J. C.

Filed for registration in this office at 4 o'clock P. M. on the
16th day of April 1890 and duly registered in 73080 S
(Pages 581 & 582.)

J. H. Williams
Clerk of Records

COMMENTS

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A nice oil painting of the lovely old wooden building of the New Hope Church was obtained. The picture was made and enlarged by Hord's Studio in Charlotte. The oil painting was done and given by Aileen Hubbard Hord, a former member. Cost of photography and framing was given by the Rev. Lawrence McSwain family in his memory. He was ordained in this building in his young manhood. This picture hangs in the front entrance hall of our present church.

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N. C., and to the Wake Forest University Repository for the Baptist History and Heritage at Winston-Salem, N. C. in cooperation with the Baptist program to save for posterity some history of our beginnings in America.

We had a suitable cabinet made with glass doors and lock to hold and display to the Church its first big Pulpit Bible, oldest offering plates, Communion set, oldest minutes church has since some of its early records were destroyed by fire in the home of the church Secretary. It holds a copy of the original church Constitution and Articles of Faith, along with some very old Kings Mountain Association minutes and other early church records and historical memorabilia and artifacts of interest to New Hope people.

Gladys Hopper - Church Historian

Following is a list of the Pastors of New Hope through its past one hundred and nine years in the order in which they served.

1873-1882	Thomas Dixon
1883-1887	P. R. Elam
1888-	A. C. Ervin
1889-1890	P. R. Elam
1891-1892	C. F. Felmet
1893-1895	T. Bright
1896-1897	C. E. Gower
1898-	Thomas Dixon
1899-1901	G. P. Hamrick
1902-1904	J. V. Devenney
1905-1908	I. T. Newton
1909-1916	J. W. Suttle
1917-	L. W. Swope
1918-1920	W. G. Moore
1921-1923	Rush Padgett
1924-1926	G. P. Abernathy
1927-	J. W. P. Hill
1928-1935	J. L. Jenkins
1936-1938	L. W. Swope
1939-1941	Carl Mauney
1942-	C. C. Crow
1943-1949	Hugh Harrill
1950-1951	John S. Farrar
1952-1956	C. A. Kirby, Jr.
1957-1960	Floyd D. Loudermilk
1961-1964	Don L. Goff
1965-1969	Joel P. Jenkins
1970-1980	Donald M. Farrow
1980-	David Gordon

GENERAL CHURCH HISTORY

Worship services have been held at what is now New Hope Baptist Church for many years. Services were held in the Earl School building whenever a minister could be secured. Records of Buffalo, Mt. Paran, and other churches speak of revival services being held in the Earl School Community and as a result their church had numerous converts to join and be baptized just following. According to old school records there was a subscription school with an Earl School building in the early eighteen hundreds.

New Hope was formally organized in August of 1874. Records show Earl School asked the Rev. Thomas Dixon and the elders of Buffalo Church to help with the organization after a week's brush arbor revival conducted by Rev. Dixon on the ground now occupied by the present church building. There were fifty converts from this revival and others from nearby churches brought their letters making a total of 161 Charter members.

Rev. T. Dixon, then pastor of Buffalo Church, five miles to the south in South Carolina, with laymen William D. Gaston, John S. Hopper, and Robert E. Porter, helped to organize and start the new church on its way. The name New Hope was chosen because it represented the feelings of the band of new converts.

Able Earl gave five acres of land for the first church and J. W. Gibbons gave a rod, to include a spring of water on the grounds. The first building was a one room frame structure about 40 by 50 feet. It had four doors, two in front and one on each side about half way back of its length. There were two aisles with long benches in the center and shorter ones on each side. Women entered the church building at the right hand door and sat on that side with the men going in and sitting on the other side. Up front on right side of the audience was a corner with short benches for choir. On the opposite was the same but was called the Amen Corner; only men sat in this section. During summer services all four doors were kept open to make it cooler. The story goes, and is said to be true, that often dogs would follow the family wagon or buggy to church and would trot through the aisles during preaching. One little dog trotted in and out so much it was a nuisance. Elder Able Earl sitting on the end of

the front bench in the Amen Corner endured it so long and decided to do something about it. As the little dog trotted by him he quietly, but soundly, kicked it just where the little tail curled over its back. It let out a startlingly loud yelp and scrambled howling out the door. The saying goes this ended the dogs disturbing worship service for a good while.



The first church house for New Hope as remembered and described by older members who worshiped here in their early years. This building was erected in 1874 and served until 1913.

The first pastor was Rev. Thomas Dixon; first deacons were Able Earl, James McSwain and J. H. Austell. The first clerk was L. M. Logan. New Hope began its cooperation in carrying out our Lord's Commission by joining the Kings Mountain Association, the next year after finishing its building in 1874, at that body's 24th annual session at Sandy Run Baptist Church.

New Hope delegates were Brethren Able Earl, James Rippey, R. E. Harrill and Henry Borders. Rev. Thomas

Dixon then pastor of New Hope Church preached the introductory sermon taking his text from John 14:6. New Hope gave \$3.00 offering toward printing of the minutes. The same minutes from which this information is now being taken one hundred years later. These minutes are in Gardner Webb College Library in the rare book section.

The Kings Mountain Association was invited to meet with the newly established New Hope Church for its 25th session on September 24, 25, 26, and 27th in year 1885. Delegates this year were R. E. Harrill, T. H. Lowery, Able Earl and L. M. Logan. New Hope has been host to the annual Kings Mountain Association since in 1897, 1915, 1942, 1963, and co-host with the Grover group in 1975 and 1982.

Under the leadership of Rev. Thomas Dixon, the young Church grew in membership and its ministry. During the first year six new members were added. In 1881 a Sabbath School was organized with 40 members



This second building for New Hope Church was erected in 1913-14. It served for 41 years.

enrolled. Robert E. Harrill was the first Superintendent.

The church made efforts to help its members live Christian lives. Our minutes show that it did discipline them for immoral living, drunkenness and failure to pay some each year to the support of the church according to its covenant, etc. It shows where a member was excluded from membership for not paying a dollar during one whole year but was later forgiven and taken back into full fellowship because she was a widow and had no means of earning money.

This second church building was a wood structure with a sanctuary 40 by 50 feet with wings on both sides 20 by 30 feet. This spacious sanctuary was furnished with long curving oak pews with pulpit furniture to match. It would seat about 500 people. This building was dedicated January 13, 1917 and served for 41 years for a people that loved and held their church in high regard in the community. The sanctuary was heated with two large space heaters with long stove pipes overhead held up by wires tacked to the ceiling. Feet would get rather cold during a long service in bad cold weather, but in the summertime with all the large windows "raised" and the six big double doors open to let air through, along with all kinds of night insects, etc., it was fine. The summer revival or "Big Meeting Week" was always held during the second week in August after crops were laid by. This week was planned for and looked forward to as one of the greatest activities of the church and community. The building would be filled these nights as a usual thing and this writer and many older members can still, in memory, hear Mr. D. Floyd McSwain with his strong clear voice lead the five hundred or more voices in singing enthusiastically "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" or "He is the Lily of the Valley."

In 1923 a two story addition was built on the back of the sanctuary allowing eight new Sunday School rooms. In 1928 a baptismal pool was built under the pulpit and the floor could be opened back to get to the pool. Before this a pool of water in a nearby stream was used.

A memorable occasion, not only for me, but others who had joined the church, was being baptized in an outside pool or body of water. The first baptismal pool was constructed back of the present church and water was supplied from the spring on the land that J. W. Gibbons

gave to the church at its beginning. However, at the present time the spring and pool has been filled with soil above it eroding down the hill. Water can be seen rising from the grass where the old spring is located.

The second place for baptizing was in the pasture on the O. F. Austell Farm. This is located east of highway 180 at the Austell Graham Road about fifteen hundred feet east of the highway and seven hundred feet north of the Austell Graham Road. This, too, was water supplied from a spring some 300 feet above the baptizing hole. There was a rock cliff across the spring drain and the water pouring over it made a basin of water below. The men would fill "Guano" sacks with sand and build a small dam which made the water deep enough for baptizing. The picture below shows the rock ledge eroded with time and the spring drain is almost level at this point. Many people can recall being baptized at this location as well as the one behind our present church. In a service for honorary deacons recently, one remarked that the water was really "Cold" when he was baptized at this place.



Baptizing Pond

Another highlight in our church history was in July 1928 when Dr. Louis Intzminger of Lakewood, Florida was engaged to do the preaching and Sunday School teaching for the first week and preaching the second week with a special sermon for the "old people of our entire community on Friday August 10 at eleven o'clock." There were 89 people over 65 at that service, with Mrs. D. J. Trent being 86 years old, W. R. Turner 89 and Howard Turner 90 years old. The meeting closed with very impressive sermons for the two weeks.

Just prior to this revival service a baptismal pool was built under the pulpit and the floor could be opened back for baptizing. It was built at a cost of \$115.21 and the water was supplied by Mr. A. A. Bettis from his well. It was on August 13, 1928 that this pool was dedicated and the ordinance of baptism was observed for the first time from an inside pool. There were 17 baptized and 13 joined under the watchcare of the church making a total of 30 as a result of the two week revival.

Another true story goes that one of our good brethren moved with his family to Shelby to live. He lived there the rest of his life and when he was asked about joining the church where he lived he said, "No, I can get the old time religion cheaper down at New Hope", and the record shows it did cost him very little indeed.

Through the years New Hope has ordained four of its young men for the ministry. They are Charles Evans Crawford and W. Lawrence McSwain, both in the 1920's; Joe J. Bridges in the 1950's and Michael J. Sepaugh in 1967. In 1973 Miss Betty Crow went out to serve as a US 2 Missionary.

In 1950 the church voted to employ a full time pastor and erected a brick pastor's home which has eight rooms, two baths and double car port.

Over the years our parsonage has been the setting for three marriages. Rev. C. A. Kirby, Jr. married Bob and Anne Crawford. Rev. Floyd Loudermilk married Don and Kathryn McCurry. Rev. Joel P. Jenkins married John and Hester Eaker.

The church is now in its third church house, a brick structure built across the railroad east of the old frame building and is 128 by 76 feet in size. It contains 35 class rooms, a pastor's study, church offices, library and rest rooms. The sanctuary is 80 by 45 feet, seating 400 people. The plate glass "cry room"

along with basement and nursery department is equipped with sound speakers. The building and contents are now valued at \$637,195.00.

This building was occupied August 1, 1954. Rev. C. A. Kirby, Jr. was pastor. He also served as chairman of the Building Committee with B. Austell, Clyde McSwain, Jackson Sepaugh, and C. T. Tolbert. B. H. Hopper served as chairman of the Finance Committee. Joe Austell was Secretary and Treasurer of the Building Fund. The church building was paid for and dedicated to the Lord on November 2, 1958. Rev. C. A. Kirby, Jr. was invited back to preach the sermon of dedication since he had so faithfully led the church through its building program, serving as Pastor and Chairman of the Building Committee.



On February 6, 1968 New Hope Church bought the Earl School building, gymnasium, lunchroom and about 5-1/2 acres of land adjoining the church yard and grounds. The school lunchroom and kitchen were remodeled and enlarged and are used for a Church Fellowship and dining hall. The gym along with a graded and developed ball

field is used in the church recreation program. At this time the church basement was converted into Sunday School class rooms, church office, choir room and library. .

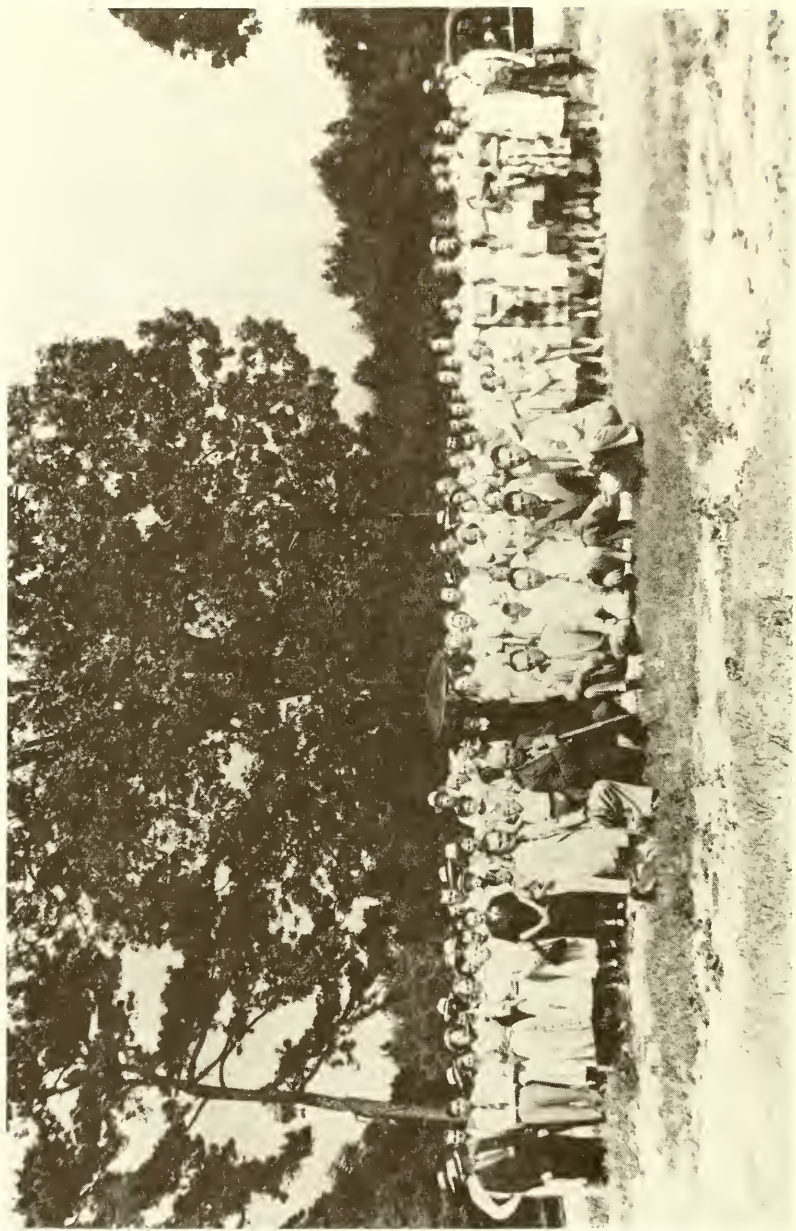
In the 1960's the church secured the services of a part time church secretary. First was Miss Peggy Earl, next was Mrs. Joel P. Jenkins, followed by Mrs. Don McCurry who serves at the present time.

Through the past 109 years the church has had financial stress at times but has managed all along to cooperate with Associational, State and Southern Baptist programs in carrying out its plan for serving the Lord. In looking back over the records it is evident that New Hope has not done all it could, or should have all the time. It can be proud of its record in the fact that it is evident that God's presence has been in it and blessed it in wonderful ways as it has grown progressively larger in its phases of ministry.

The twenty-six men who have served as pastors during its 109 years included great pioneer Ministers of the Gospel like Thomas Dixon, J. W. Suttle and other good and dedicated men.



Earl School Building purchased Feb. 6, 1968
by New Hope Baptist Church



Ground breaking ceremony for present church building
Summer of 1952.

BELOW IS THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR NEW CHURCH, BROKEN DOWN SO THAT IT SHOWS WHAT WAS PAID OUT AND FOR WHAT. The first group of figures represents what the different contractors were asked to bid on.

J. L. Suttle and Co. (Insurance).....	\$ 184.69
Spangler and Sons (Concrete work including basement floor, outside porches and steps).	3,022.37
Isenhour Brick and Tile Co. (Brick).....	4,758.56
Shelby Concrete Co. (Concrete Blocks).....	1,663.46
Poston Brothers (Masonry Work).....	6,559.70
Southern Engineering Co. (Steel).....	6,355.00
Cleveland Lumber Co. (Lumber, Plastering, etc)	16,586.83
Colon Hamrick (Supervising and Labor).....	13,686.33
McArthur's Tin Shop (Sheet Metal, Guttering)	782.10
George Tankersley (Plastering).....	1,694.50
Standard Insulating Co. (Insulation).....	538.16
Shelby Supply Co. & J.E. Hamrick (Painting Supplies and Painting).....	1,800.21
Shelby Supply Co., Campbell D. Roberts and Brantley Septic Tank Co. (Plumbing Supplies and Installation).....	1,864.18
Shelby Paint & Glass Co. (Glass for Steel Casements).....	387.47
Hoskins Brothers (Finishing Floors).....	447.00
O. E. Ford & Son (Mortar Mix, Roofing, etc).	3,935.50
Miscellaneous Items.....	350.99
	<u>\$64,617.05</u>

OTHER MATERIAL AND WORK

Piedmont Supply Co., & Campbell D. Roberts (Heating Supplies and Installation).....	\$ 7,342.70
J. B. Ivey Co. (Carpet).....	2,815.20
Southern Desk Co. (Pews & Pulpit Furniture).	4,817.72
Shelby Supply Co., Anderson Electric, Bronson Electric, Canipe Electric, & Hall & Co., (Electrical Supplies and Fixtures)..	2,607.51
Louisville Art Glass Co. (Memorial Windows).	2,939.00
Kennedy Furniture Co. (Chairs for SS Rooms).	298.00
Spangler & Sons (Pouring sidewalks & steps).	728.00
Lutz Furn. Co. (Covering Kitchen Cabinets and Baptistry Room Floors).....	504.15
Miscellaneous Items.....	2,131.79
	<u>\$24,183.87</u>

Total of both items.... \$88,800.92

Many people, Sunday School Classes and organizations gave items and labor not counted in the cost of the construction of the church

Dr. and Mrs. Crow gave the baptistry background painting.
Bettis family gave the pulpit furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Nichols gave Pastor's desk and office furniture.

Fidelis Sunday School class gave the piano for the sanctuary at a cost of \$900.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Borders gave a used piano for Sunday School assembly room.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Sepaugh gave stove for church kitchen.

Mr. and Mrs. Burie Hopper gave pump for church well and installed it.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Ellis gave new refrigerator for church kitchen.

Mrs. Eva McSwain gave childrens' water fountain in Sunday School hall at nursery.

Dr. and Mrs. Crow gave asphalt floor tile for Junior and Primary Sunday School rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Tolbert, Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Poston gave asphalt tile for downstairs hall.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wright gave water fountain for church hallway.

Mr. T. G. Sepaugh, Mr. Henry Hendricks, Mr. Burie Hopper and Mr. Jackson Sepaugh donated their time and labor and wired the church building.

Dr. and Mrs. Wyan Washburn gave \$100.00 toward a piano. Many cash donations are recorded in the Building Fund book, beginning April 5, 1953 and ending November 1958, kept by Mr. B. H. Hopper, Chairman of Finance Committee. Lavender Brothers and Sarratts did the excavation for the church basement and grading, donating all services. All windows were donated as memorials for loved ones by members of their family. They are as follows:

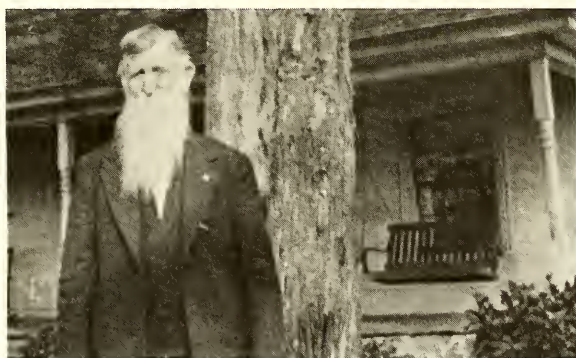
In memory of Charlie and Rinda Gibbons Wright
by Joe M. Wright

In memory of Major Anderson and Nancy Ann
Gibson Warren by The Children

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hopper
by The B. H. Hoppers

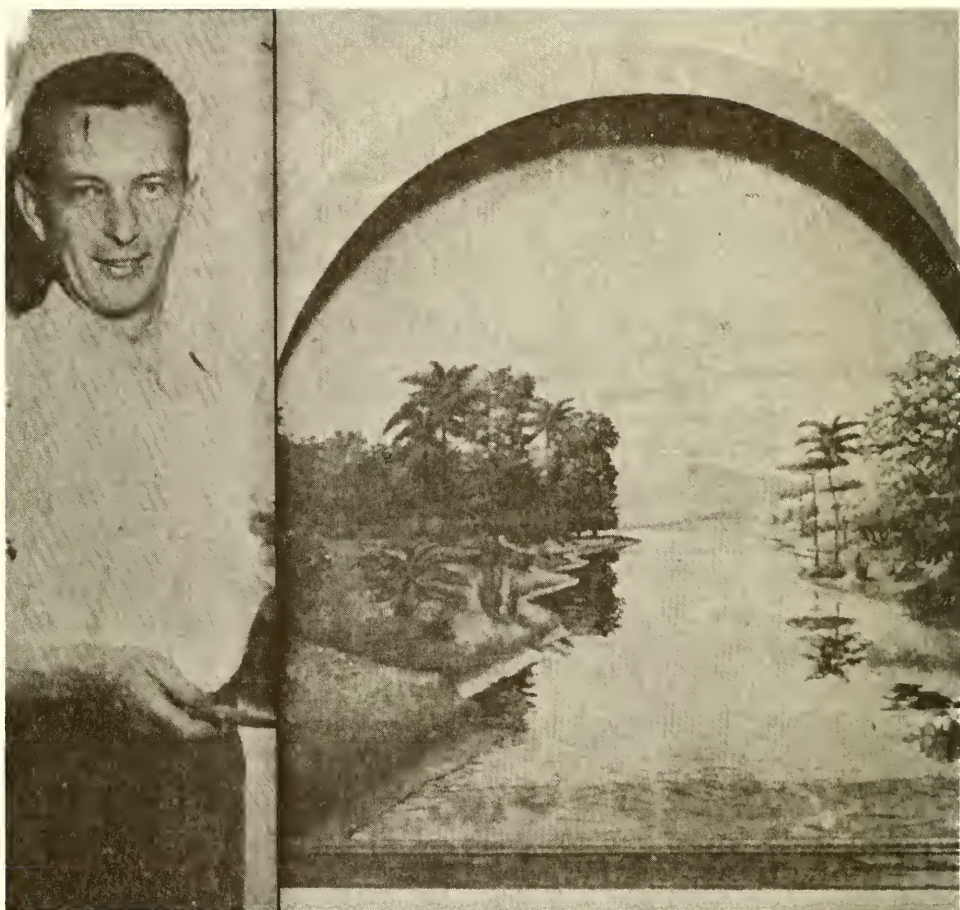
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McSwain
by The Children

In memory of Dr. J. P. Aydlotte by Mrs. J.P. Aydlotte
 In memory of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Austell by The Children
 In memory of William and Lelia Jane Sepaugh by The Children
 In memory of Mary Ruth Davis by The Family
 In memory of W. D. Earl by Miss Thelma Earl
 In memory of Samuel Hugh and Mary Bostick Austell by The Children
 The Walter Graham Family
 In memory of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lavender by The Lee Lavenders
 In memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gibson by The Family
 In memory of Miss Nell Deloatch by Gaston County Friends
 Donated by the P. D. Anthonys
 In memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rippy by Charlie, Mary and Dave Rippy



Mr. W. D. Earl, father of Thelma Earl, is the son of Mr. Able Earl who gave part of the land for New Hope Church.

There is a story behind the long white beard. Mr. Earl believed in going to the church house for all of its meetings and was always on time, except one. The story is that he injured his right hand and was unable to shave himself, so he went to a neighbor on Sunday morning to get shaved. However, the neighbor had sickness and chores to do before he could shave Mr. Earl. By the time "Uncle Billie" got back home he was late for church. He made a vow at that time if shaving made him late for church he would never shave again. That he kept----what faithfulness to his church!



New Hope Baptist Church Baptistry Scene
by Artist Walter Keul



Miss Betty Crow (Denkler) was commissioned as a US 2 Missionary by New Hope Church. She is the Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Crow and granddaughter of Rev. C. C. Crow.



On the left, the "Long and Short" of It Rev. C. C. Crow elected Moderator of the Kings Mt. Association, is receiving the gavel from Rev. J.W. Suttle on Oct. 24, 1952. Both of these men were well known in the Association and State. Each had served as pastor of New Hope.



Glenda Patterson and Jerry Austin McKinney were the first couple married in the present church on June 26, 1955.

In a week after we moved into the new church a revival was held. Rev. Frank Monroe was guest evangelist. Listed below are the first to be baptized in the new pool, 8/15/54.

Linda Anthony
Betty Blanton
Nancy Jean Collins
Emily Church
Frances DeLoatch
Betty Dover
Patsy Dover
C. A. Kirby III

Sandra McSwain
Harlan McIntyre
Virginia McSwain
Jane Moore
Patricia McSwain
Betty C. Runyans
Dianne Wilson McCraw
Joyce Wright



Former Pastors of our church attending the 100th anniversary.

From left to right: Rev. C.C. Crow, Rev. John Farrar, Rev. Joel P. Jenkins, Rev. C. A. Kirby, Jr., Rev. Donald M. Farrow, and Rev. Hugh Harrill.



Claude Lee Lavender II family dressed, in the style when
our church was formed, for our 100th anniversary.

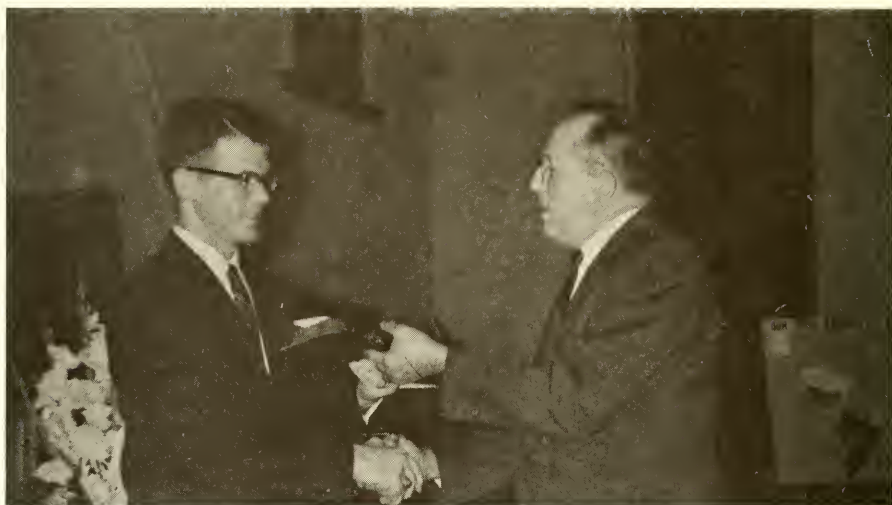
Betsy, Lynn, Susan, Claude and Jackie



Mrs. Kate Austell Aydlotte was 100 years old when this was made at the 100th anniversary of our church.



Mr. Milford Harrill, oldest member of our church, was 92 on February 10, 1983.



Mr. B. H. Hopper, right, presenting Rev. Michael Sepaugh a Bible at his ordination into the ministry on January 8, 1967 at New Hope.



B. H. Hopper, Louie Allen, Hundley Earl, Miss Thelma Earl and C. T. Tolbert claim to have logged the most miles in search of a pastor in 1965.

THIS SPACE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF

ALLEN ERASTUS BETTIS - RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

"While making a public talk, closing a service in the New Hope Church, Earl, N.C., Sunday, April 15, 1928 at noon, endorsing the Centennial Campaign to raise funds with which to make Boiling Springs high school a junior college, Mr. A. E. Bettis, prominent merchant, farmer and religious leader, reeled on his feet and fell dead with the eyes of the large congregation fixed upon him and the ears of his hearers listening intently as they had so often listened to his lips utter appeals for Kingdom extension. Mr. Bettis was 73 years old last July; was converted and joined the church at the age of about 20 under the preaching of the Rev. Thomas Dixon and his son, Clarence, who was a school mate of Mr. Bettis.....Mr. Bettis exemplified in his daily life the prophet Micah's definition of what God requires when he says (Micah 6:8): 'What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.' His daily life and conversation was a public recognition of these divine attributes and the foundation of every virtue; the recognition of the first great lesson in the Christian life to be good and true in all life's activities and the foundation of whose character was built upon the cardinal teaching of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ---truth, temperance, humility and the love of his fellowman, and in the practice of which he was an honor to the church.

Therefore be it resolved:

- 1st - That we bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well.
- 2nd - That the death of Brother Bettis removes from our community an honorable and upright citizen, whose influence and voice were ever on the side of civic righteousness.

- 3rd - That in his death New Hope Church has lost a consecrated and devoted member and deacon whose influence and voice in the councils of the Church and its regular assemblages shall be sorely missed.
- 4th - That we feel keenly the loss of our friend and brother with whom we took sweet counsel, whose lessons in the Christian life still survive in the tablets of memory--and being dead he yet speaks eloquently in our midst.
- 5th - That a copy of these resolutions be inscribed upon a special page in the permanent record of New Hope Church which is thereby dedicated to his memory; that a copy be sent to the family; and a copy to the Cleveland Star and the Biblical Recorder for publication."

Respectfully submitted;
Thelma Earl
M. C. Blanton
C. E. Jones

Note: These resolutions were the only ones found in the minutes of our church. The resolution concerning Mr. Bettis means much to me because I was there and saw him with his hands held high making a point. He began to fall and was caught by B. H. Hopper and others who laid him on the pew.

The above resolutions copied
by Wilson Randall

(Resolution as it appears in Record Book III,
1926 - 1930.)

HISTORY

AND PURPOSE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is interesting to note the changes in procedures and phraseology in the minutes of our church and the Kings Mountain Association since we have been a part of it. Prior to 1888 reference was always made to school as "Sabbath Schools". The Elders and Brethern felt that a Sabbath School was good for the church and encouraged all churches to organize them.

Although our church was organized in 1874 it was some eight years later, in 1882, that a Sunday School was established as a formal organization. The first Sunday School Superintendent was Robert E. Harrill with an enrollment of 40. In 1888, on September 22 the following report was given at the Associations' meeting on Sunday School:

"....We are glad to know that nearly every church in the Association reported a flourishing Sunday School and nearly everyone running twelve months in the year.

It is the place where babes are developed into manhood and womanhood and where Christians are prepared for usefulness in life and happiness in death.

An army of between four and five thousand gather every Sabbath in our Association to drink from the fountain of knowledge and satisfy the burning thirst for God's truth. We are grateful that the Lord has called so many consecrated men and women into this work. This is a field for all. The time is fast approaching when the piety of persons who are not interested in Sunday School will be doubted. Every Christian who has the good of the cause at heart is beginning to examine into and assist in the work....."

From this point in 1888 when our Sunday School enrollment was 70 to the present day we have experienced expansion and changes in grading and age grouping.

In 1923 the Sunday School was experiencing growth pains and a two story addition was constructed with eight rooms just back of the sanctuary of the white

church. In addition to this the sanctuary was curtained off to make more needed room for Sunday School.

By 1926 the Sunday School report showed evidence of much growth. There were enrolled 55 children in the 0 to 5 age group; 66 in the 6 to 12 age group; 40 in the 13 to 16 age group; 60 in the 25 and up age group. At this time the Sunday School was fully organized and striving to maintain Sunday School according to the Southern Baptist plan. I can remember the huge banner that hung back of the rostrum saying "This is a Standard Sunday School."

As the Sunday School continued to grow, the Church felt another department was needed. So on Sunday evening December 20, 1925 the Pastor called the church into conference and Thelma Earl was elected Superintendent of the Home Department, Rev. G. P. Abernathy, Moderator. This adding of another department to the Sunday School gave the church a program that could better serve the needs of the people confined to their homes. Two years later Gladys Warren was elected as Superintendent of the Home Department on March 6, 1927. This department has continued to function well and has added much to the ministering by the church to its people.

As spiritual growth and numbers were becoming a reality, the following was found in the minutes and was the first Sunday School Revival mentioned.

"December 10, 1927 New Hope met and after preaching the regular business conference was held. Then on motion the church thought it would be good for the church and Sunday School to have a Sunday School Revival. The Pastor was to make the arrangements and get the date when Brother Perry Morgan could come and bring his help."

The Sunday School was continuing to grow and more space was needed for it to function well, so on August 19, 1928 the church voted to hold classes in the Earl School Building as agreed by both parties.

"New Hope Church met for Sunday School and after Sunday School Mr. R.G. Turner, Chairman of the Deacons, called the church into conference and the public

school committee agreed to let the Church use the school house for Sunday School, and then on motion the church voted for the church to bear the expense of curtaining the school house and pay a janitor for to look after and keep cleaned up. On motion a committee of three was appointed to buy the repairs and curtains and get a janitor. They were A. A. Bettis, E. A. Warren and R. G. Turner."

With the above in mind the church voted to take the Young People, Intermediate and Junior age classes to the Earl School Building for their assembly and classes, according to their respective age groups.

This arrangement gave us room to expand our enrollment. By 1930 the Sunday School enrollment had reached 451 with an average attendance of 184. Although it was quite a hassle to get from the church across the railroad and highway in time for Sunday School assembly and repeat the procedure for preaching, it was an experience as I recall, most of the time enjoyable.

Some 2-1/2 miles south of Earl is the community of Rock Springs where a Junior Order Lodge was located and some people in the community were concerned about forming a Sunday School for those people close by. They had requested New Hope to assist them in this endeavor, and in a business conference on September 8, 1928 the following took place.

"....Then on motion the Rock Springs Sunday School was to be an arm of the New Hope Sunday School under the care of the church. On motion the officers and teachers for Rock Springs Sunday School were as follows; Matt C. Blanton, Superintendent; G. R. Wylie, Associate Superintendent; Teachers, Mrs. Lois Jones, Adult Bible Class; Mrs. G.R. Wylie, Young People class; Miss Florence Jones, Intermediate Department; Miss Virginia Jones, Junior Department; Mrs. Zeb Carroll, Beginners Department; Mrs. William Jones, Nursery; Miss Ola Mae McSwain, Secretary; U.M. Jones, Choirster; Miss Florence Jones, Organist. The Sunday School hour was not to interfere with those of New Hope."

Our Sunday School showed a decline during the first part of the 40's. However, during the latter part of the 40's attendance and enrollment were increasing.

On August 1, 1954 New Hope Sunday School moved from the frame building next to the graveyard across the railroad and highway to a new facility containing some 30 class rooms and assembly rooms. At the beginning of the 1954 church year the first of October we had the following departments and enrollment.

General Officers (3); Adult #1 (58); Adult #2 (82); Intermediate Department (20); Junior Department (29); Primary Department (32); Beginner Department (15); Nursery (26); Bed Nursery (3) and the Extension Department (10) for a total enrollment of 278 with an attendance of 190.

This grading terminology continued until October, 1970 when the Sunday School Board suggested that we change our grading to the following departments so they would conform with others in the Convention.

General Officers; Adults #1, 2, 3, 4; Youth; Childrens Department 1 and 2; Pre-school Departments #1, #2, #3; Home Bound Department and Young People Away Department, for a total of 331 enrolled with an average attendance of 206. It was at this time that the Superintendents' title was changed to Sunday School Director along with the Department Directors.

From the Mid-60's through 1970 the Sunday School experienced a period of dedication as our attendance averaged over 200 for that period.

Through the past 109 years, our Sunday School has had stress at times, but has managed all along to cooperate with Association, State and Southern Baptist programs in carrying out its plan for serving the Lord. In looking back over the records, it is evident that the Sunday School has not done all it could, or should have all the time. However, it can be proud of its record. God's presence has been in it and blessed it in wonderful ways as the Sunday School has grown progressively larger in its phases of ministry.

J. N. Barnette, pioneer Southern Baptist convention leader once wrote; "A Sunday School provides a church with its greatest field for evangelism. The Sunday School puts major emphasis upon reaching people---all classes of people---the lost as well as the saved."

Researched and written by Wilson Randall

LIST OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THE
LENGTH OF TIME SERVED AT NEW HOPE BAPTIST
CHURCH, EARL, N. C. SINCE IT WAS ORGA-
NIZED IN 1881.

R. E. Harrill	1881 - 1882	-	1 year
M. W. Francis	1882 - 1884	-	2 years
J. S. Earle	1884 - 1885	-	1 year
A. E. Bettis	1885 - 1888	-	3 years
A. M. Bridges	1888 - 1890	-	2 years
J. H. Quinn	1890 - 1891	-	1 year
A. E. Bettis	1891 - 1898	-	7 years
E. P. Roberts	1898 - 1899	-	1 year
T. B. Hamrick	1899 - 1900	-	1 year
A. E. Bettis	1900 - 1902	-	2 years
J. D. Rippy	1902 - 1903	-	1 year
S. H. Austell	1903 - 1904	-	1 year
A. E. Bettis	1904 - 1907	-	3 years
B. F. Jones	1907 - 1908	-	1 year
A. E. Bettis	1908 - 1917	-	9 years
A. B. Webber	1917 - 1919	-	2 years
J. R. DeLoatch	1919 - 1920	-	1 year
C. E. Jones	1920 - 1921	-	1 year
M. C. Blanton (Matt)	1921 - 1923	-	2 years
A. E. Bettis	1923 - 1924	-	1 year
S. B. Hubbard	1924 - 1926	-	2 years
D. B. Lowery	1926 - 1927	-	1 year
C. E. Jones	1927 - 1933	-	6 years
J. Lowery Austell	1933 - 1934	-	1 year
Hartness Gibson	1934 - 1935	-	1 year
R. G. Turner	1935 - 1938	-	3 years
Foy Putnam	1938 - 1939	-	1 year
J. A. Hallman	1939 - 1943	-	4 years
C. D. McSwain	1943 - 1948	-	5 years
Jackson Sepaugh	1948 - 1955	-	7 years
Hal Howington	1955 - 1956	-	1 year
Wilson L. Randall	1956 - 1980	-	24 years
Harold Wright	1980	to present date	

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Earl, N. C. Nov. 19, 1922

"Mr. A. E. Bettis S. S. Superintendent

As Mrs. H. A. Turner is having to give up her work as teacher I think we ought to recognize the good work she has done (Gorden Lowery) the General Secretary says she run the best class in Sunday School last year had (17) seventeen on roll with an average of (11) eleven each Sunday and she always sent in her report on time.

Signed Mrs. Maggie Lowery - A. E. Bettis, Supt. read the above to the church and Sunday School and suggested that the same be recorded on the church book in honor of Mrs. Turner for the work she has done.

Signed A. E. Bettis, Superintendent"

(Resolution as it appears in Record Book II, 1915 - 1925.)

Intermediate Sunday School Class



Back Row:

Iris Champion
Mary Crawford,
Teacher
Betty Crawford

Front Row:

Libby Mooney
Anne Deaton
Shirley Holland
Glenda Patterson
Mrs. John Farrar



Mrs. Mamie Lavender's Sunday School Class
of 1914 at New Hope Church



Pre-School #3 Dept. Teachers: Mrs. Pansie Elinburg,
Mrs. Mary Lou Nichols, Mrs. Doris Austell.



Men's Bible Class of New Hope Church, 1931, Miss Mary Sue Hunt Teacher.

MENS BIBLE CLASS NEW HOPE CHURCH 1931, Teacher Miss Mary Sue Hunt

1st row (kneeling); R. G. Turner, H. C. Ponder, Landrum Putnam, Lamar Davis, behind Davis, Lawson M. McSwain, _____.

Robert Borders, Colton Jones, Forest Turner, J. P. Jones, Polk Gibson, Charlie Wright, David Hopper.

2nd row: Landrum Ross, Dan Earl, Sam Austell, Billy (W.D.) Earl, Miss Mary S. Hunt, Clyde D. McSwain, Jim Rippy, Mike Sepaugh, Johnny DeLoatch, Coleman Bridges, John Roberts, Samuel Hubbard, Lloyd Wylie.

3rd row: W. Lester Randall, Ruffin R. Crawford, William Philbeck,
Dr. Joe Adylotte, Forest Austell, D. Floyd McSwain, Seth Run-
yan, Claude Nichols, Jack Glenn, Belton Fraiser, Roy Lavender.
4th row: Clyde J. Duke, R. L. Hause, Will Bettis, John T. Crawford.
Back row: Phares White, Paul Hulsey, Vernon Crawford.



Fidelis S. S. Class on Feb. 27, 1983, Adult #4

Seated: Lula Davis, Mary Crawford, Coleen Wylie, Frances Sepaugh.

Standing: Gladys Warren, Ruth Turner, Annie D. Wilson, Marie Davis, and Mary Bridges teacher, Bess Lavender was in library.

Not present were: Emma Hastings, Wilma Mooney, Hester Eaker



Mens Bible Class Feb. 27, 1983, Adult #4

1st row: Pinkney Poston, John Runyans, Joe Austell, Spurgeon Wright, Austell Graham.

2nd row: M.E. Wylie, J.H. Tulloh, Trent McSwain, visitor Kent Jackson, Wilson Randall, Evans Bridges, C.T. Tolbert.

Standing: J.H. Page, Teacher Paul D. Anthony, Cletus Blanton, Homer L. Starnes, W. C. Burgess.

Not present were: John Eaker, Alfred Williams, Ned Wilson, Morris Runyan, Talmadge Hastings.



Winsome S. S. Class Feb. 27, 1983, Adult #4

Front row: Helen Burgess, Alma Blanton, Corinne Turner, Joyce Wilson, Wilburn Nichols, Evelyn Woods and Lucille Gibson, teacher.

2nd row: Millie Earl, Kathleen Hamby, Pansie Elinburg, Erie Bryant, Myrtie McSwain, Grace Francis, Sarah Wright, Shirley Davis.

3rd row: Evelyn Morehead, Frances Starnes, Jackie Wright, Beulah Blanton, Helen Sepaugh, Ethel Patterson.

Not present were: Ruth Blanton, Mae Randall, Frances Runyan, and Minda Francis.

Information omitted from the original text on the workers in our Sunday School: Mrs. Hazel Turner, Mrs. Kate Moss and Mr. R. G. Turner taught Sunday School for many years in the Senior Adult Classes.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MANY WORKERS IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS

The first record of a Cradle Roll Department we can find was in 1928 when Miss Edna Moss was elected to serve as teacher along with Mrs. R. E. Nichols. Mrs. Charlie Wright worked in that department for many years.

In the present building we have had Mrs. Hoyt Nichols, Mrs. Cleve McSwain, Mrs. Trent McSwain, Mrs. Spurgeon Wright, Mrs. Larry Collins, Mrs. Ruth Earl, Mrs. Helen Sepaugh, Mrs. Joe Sepaugh and Mrs. Bill Gettys working as teachers in the Nursery Department. Some of these ladies have served 20 or more years. In 1970-71 church year this department was renamed the Preschool Department #1. Presently serving in this department are Mrs. Spurgeon Wright, director and Mrs. Ruth Earl, teacher.

The Beginner Department records show that Mrs. Pinkie (Jones) Nichols was elected Superintendent in the late 30's and served for a number of years. Miss Emma Bechtler and Mrs. James Lee Ellis were elected as teachers. When we moved into the present building we had such people as Mrs. Pansie Elinburg, Mrs. Ray Nichols, Mrs. P. D. Anthony and Miss Ellen Wright as teachers. Mrs. Thomas Austell was Superintendent until 1970 when the name was changed to Preschool #3 (ages 4 and 5) and Mrs. Austell was elected Director of the Preschool Division as well as department leader. She is assisted by Mrs. Alan Hardin and Mrs. Lawrence Sailors as teachers.

In 1970 when class names were changed Preschool #2 was formed. Mrs. Hoyt Nichols was elected as director with Mrs. Trent McSwain and Mrs. T. G. Sepaugh as teachers. In 1974 Mrs. Dennis Lee, Mrs. Cleve McSwain and Mrs. Wanda Sewell were elected. In 1975 Mrs. W. C. Burgess was elected director and served four years. In 1979 Miss Teresa Hudson and Mrs. Nick Austell were elected teachers followed by Mrs. Leonard Gibson in 1980. Mrs. Lula McSwain is the present director of Preschool #2 (ages 2 and 3) assisted by Miss Paulette McSwain.

1926 was the first year we could find where a written Sunday School report was sent to the Kings Mountain Association. Primary teachers were Miss Emma Bechtler, Mrs. James Lee Ellis, Miss Gladys Warren, Mrs. Fitzhugh Wilkins, Mrs. Gladys Hopper and Miss Sallie Bettis,

covering a period from 1926 to 1942. In 1947 Mrs. Ida Sepaugh, Mrs. Mae Randall and Mrs. Frances Runyan were elected as teachers and served twenty years or more with Mrs. Runyan serving 30 years. In 1970 the Primary Department became Children Dept. #1 and Mrs. Frances Runyan was elected director, next year Mrs. Claude Lavender was elected director along with Mrs. Lenord Greene, Miss Debbie Ryan, Miss Donna Earl, Mrs. Don Cooper, Mrs. Harold Wright and Mrs. Donnie Chandler. In 1982 Mrs. Brenda Sharts was elected director, along with Mrs. Jeanette Gibson and LuAnne White as teachers. Miss Joyce Wright helped with the music for a good number of years, assisted by Miss Jane Bettis (Hoke) and Mrs. Beth Hamrick. Mrs. Ann Thackerson is presently the pianist for this department. Children #1 consists of ages 6, 7, and 8.

The first written report to be found for the Junior Department was in 1921 which only mentioned the teachers who were Miss Ollie Bechtler and Mrs. Hazel Turner, no enrollment given. In 1923 teachers listed were Miss Ollie Bechtler and Miss Sallie Bettis, no enrollment. However, in 1924 the enrollment was 44 with no teachers listed.

In 1930 the Junior Department was reorganized with Mrs. Frank Hause as Superintendent and in 1931 Miss Winnie Borders (Brittain) was elected Superintendent at which time that department had the highest number enrolled of any in the Sunday School. Some of the teachers were Miss Lona Warren, Miss Sue Borders, Mrs. Will Moss, Mrs. R. L. Hause, Mrs. M. A. Francis, Miss Hazeline Turner (Allen), Mrs. S. B. Putnam, Mrs. Clyde J. Duke, Miss Sara Gold (Lanier), Miss Ruth Gold (Blanton), Don Putnam, Bobby Austell, Miss Katherine Mooney (Wall), Miss Sallie Bettis and Mrs. Lamar Davis.

In 1948 Mrs. Pinkney (Mary) Poston was elected Superintendent and has served continuously in that capacity until the present or a period of 35 years. Some of the teachers since then were Miss Sallie Bettis, Mrs. C. C. (Frances) Sepaugh, Mrs. Lucille Gibson who served for many years, and Mrs. C. T. (Margaret) Tolbert who has served most of the past 35 years. Also elected to service in that department were Mrs. O. D. Gaston, Mrs. Robert Cone, Mrs. Jethro Champion, Mrs. Joe Sepaugh, Mrs. Brenda Sharts, Mrs. Lamar Camp, Mrs. Bill Gettys, Mrs. Carroll Whaley, Mrs. Don Reece, Mrs. Don Farrow, Mrs. Louis Crawford, Mrs. Joe Hopson, Mrs.

Douglas Earl and Mrs. Steve Borders. Presently Mrs. Poston is assisted by Mrs. Tolbert, Mrs. Jane Bettis Hoke, and Miss Beverly Crawford as teachers. Mrs. Ann Thackerson who is presently serving as pianist in this Department has held this position for 10 years. The Junior Department was changed to Children #2 in 1970 for age groups 9, 10, and 11.

In 1926 records show that the workers for the Intermediate Department were Miss Era Hopper, Miss Thelma Earl, and Miss Faye McSwain. From 1927 to 1933 the following were listed; Miss Mildred McSwain, Mrs. Corrie Bettis, Miss Marie Davis, Mrs. Lucille Gibson, Miss Grace Sarratt, Miss Mary Turner, Mrs. James Lee Ellis, Robert Hause, Mrs. Wilburn Nichols and in 1942 Miss Evelyn Turner (Morehead). Mrs. Lucille Gibson who was mentioned earlier has served since 1931 as a teacher or leader in most all of our Sunday School Departments, with a long stay in the Intermediates along with Mrs. Bess Lavender, and Mrs. J. B. Crow.

For a period of time we do not have a record of who served where, but in 1968 Mrs. Edgar Champion was elected Superintendent of the Intermediate Department and served until 1973. Along with Mrs. Champion were elected Mr. B. H. Hopper and Mrs. Norris Lee. We know from memory that these people served several years in this department even though our records are missing for a number of years.

In 1970 when the new terminology of grading came into effect the then Intermediate Department was changed to Youth Division, with ages 12 through 17. After this Mrs. Ralph Bettis, Mrs. Hugh Brittain, Mrs. Steve Jackson, Mrs. Michael Blackwell, Mr. Claude Lavender, Mrs. James H. Page, Mrs. Paul Davis, Mr. Lenord Greene, and Mr. Hugh Brittain have served as teachers. In 1973 Mrs. Don McCurry was elected Director and Yates Pearson Outreach Leader. In 1981 Mrs. Bonnie Reece was elected Director and Song leader of the Youth Division. Mrs. Page and Mr. Alan Hardin serve as teachers.

Mr. B. H. Hopper was elected Superintendent of the Young Peoples Department in 1942 and served in that Department for many years. Louie Allen served as a young men's teacher along with Mrs. Evans Bridges as teacher of the young ladies after we moved into the present building. The Young Peoples Department was reorganized with quarters in one corner of the basement area. Mr. Andrew Blanton, Jr. was the first Super-

intendent followed by Mr. H. G. Earl. This Department grew in numbers and it was in 1968 that more Sunday School rooms were constructed which gave them department area and rooms of their own. Our records show that in the last 15 years people like Johnny Lavender and Mrs. Ned Dedmon have served as Superintendent and Director along with Mrs. Leland Moss, Ben Turner, Miss Joyce Wright, Louie Allen, Keith Hamrick and Mrs. Don Cooper as teachers. This group is upstairs at the present time as Adult Department #1 and is being taught by Mrs. David Gordon.

In 1972 Mrs. Ola Mae Crow organized the Youth Division #2. In 1974 the name was changed to College and Careers Department in order to reach more young people. Mrs. Crow continued in this department until 1982 when Mrs. Paul Davis was elected as teacher. Miss Joyce Wright assisted in Music and teaching.

Mrs. Louie Allen was Superintendent of Adult #2 in 1968 along with teachers Max Lell, Mrs. Evans Bridges, Louie Allen, Mrs. Yates Pearson, Robert Cone, P. D. Anthony and Mrs. Paul Davis. In 1970 Mrs. James White was elected Director and is serving at this time. Other teachers elected in this department were Hugh Brittain, Mrs. Ralph Bettis, Mrs. Evelyn Champion, Mrs. Lenord Greene, James Page, Mrs. Evelyn Morehead, Mrs. JoAnn Dover, and Bob Crawford.

In 1968 our records show that Mrs. Eva Runyan was Superintendent. Teachers were Miss Thelma Earl, Mrs. B. H. Hopper, Jackson Sepaugh, Mrs. R. L. Nichols and Miss Marie Davis in Department #2. It was 1970 that it was changed to Adult Department #3 and Mrs. Wade Austell was elected Director and Mrs. Evans Bridges teacher. Mrs. Bess Lavender and Mrs. Paul Turner were elected assistant teachers. In 1973 Mrs. J. H. Tulloh was elected Director and B. H. Hopper was Men's Bible class teacher. Mrs. Vernon Crawford was elected Director in 1976 and Mrs. Lucille Gibson was elected teacher of the Winsome class until the present time. Mrs. Betty Graham was elected Director in 1977 and James White teacher. Mrs. Helen Burgess was Director in 1981 and Steve Borders was men's teacher. In 1982 Miss Marie Davis was director and P. D. Anthony as men's class teacher replacing Steve Borders who moved from our community. At the present time it is Adult Department #4.

Most all of our median and senior adults have had a position of some sort up through the years and have done much in promoting our work here at New Hope and are to

be commended for their skills and faithfulness.

Adult #5 is our Homebound Department. Down through the years it has been very active and many people have been reached. Presently it is served by Wilson and Mae Randall, Corinne Turner, Helen Burgess and Marie Davis.

Department #6 is Young People Away and Mrs. Kathryn McCurry is correspondent.

One of our members who has not been mentioned but one time since 1926 is Miss Thelma Earl. Although she was away a few years teaching school she was always faithful to her church. She was a teacher in the Intermediates, Median and Senior Adults. "Miss Thelma" as she is known in this community is a part of the heritage of our church as she is the daughter of Mr. W. D. Earl, and granddaughter of Mr. Able Earl who made the land available for our church.

Researched by: Mr. & Mrs. Pinkney Poston
Mr. Wilson Randall



Some members of the Childrens Division visiting shutins during Christmas Season. Back two; Mrs. Margaret Tolbert, and Mrs. Brenda Sharts. 2nd from back; Deborah Reece, Johnny Towery, Teresa Green. Front row: Mrs. Mary Poston, Director, Angela Green, Amy Gordon, Crystal Green.



Above: Part of Children Dept. #1 visiting shutins at Christmas in 1977. Front row; _____, Betsy Lavender, Deborah Reece, Chip Lavender. 2nd row; Mike Lavender, Anna White and Penny Sharts. Mrs. Frances Runyan and Jackie Lavender teachers.

Below: Primaries; Rhonda Blanton, Hugh Austell, Mae Randall, _____, Debbie Hambright.



BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE UNION - BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Our records show that in August, 1923 a B.Y.P.U. was organized with an enrollment of 35 members. Herbert Camp was the first President.

Quoted below are the minutes from two of the early quarterly reports.

"The first meeting was held Sunday, Sept. 2, 1923. We had the required number of officers with the membership divided into four groups, three of which had seven members and one had eight making in all 31 with Secretary and President. In four months we have grown from 31 members to 46 with a loss of several being away at school. 13-1/3 percent of the union are tithers, 35-5/9 percent kept up Daily Bible Reading, average attendance is 27-8/15 percent, three-fourth of the union contributed regularly to church expenses. We sent \$1.00 for the Baptist Hospital and \$.50 per month for our BYPU convention delegate expenses. Have helped organize one other union. We have deposited to our credit with the Church Treasurer \$26.53; our expenses are \$26.08, leaves us a balance of \$.45. The officers for 1923, last quarter were as follows: President - Mrs. T. P. Runyans; Vice President - Haywood Austell; Recording Secretary - Miss Sallie Bettis; Treasurer - Dovie Betchler; Corresponding Secretary - Mamie Green; Bible Reader Leader - Miss Fay McSwain. Group Captains; No. 1 - Lilly Webber; No. 2 - Frelove Bettis; No. 3 - Ollie Batchler; No. 4 - Era Hopper. Signed by Mrs. T. P. Runyans, President."

"Officers elected for the new year 1924 were as follows: President - Herbert Camp; Vice President - Miss Lilly Webber; Recording Secretary - Robert Hause; Treasurer - Miss Fay McSwain, later Miss Era Hopper, then later Clyde McSwain; Bible Reader Teacher - Mrs. T. P. Runyan; corresponding Secretary - Miss Letha Bettis; Pianist - Mrs. Lloyd Wylie; Choirister - Matt C. Blanton. Group Captains were; No. 1 - Miss Elizabeth Moss; No. 2 - Miss Mildred McSwain; No. 3 - Mrs. Odell Sepaugh; No. 4 - Miss Ophelia Moss. Signed Mrs. T. P. Runyans, President."

The records show that in June, 1929 the BYPU had an enrollment of 34, with Wilburn Moss, President and Odessa Patterson, Secretary. In 1930 the records show 23 adults were enrolled in BYPU Study Course, 11 Daily Bible Readers with 23 systematically giving to the

church.

From 1930 to 1940 we have no record of a BYPU. In 1940 Mrs. R. L. Nichols was elected President and served 1940-41. Evelena Warren was elected President in 1942. In 1943, Mrs. R. L. Nichols was again elected President. The Associational record does not show any BYPU activity for 1943-46. However, we believe it still existed but no reports were made to the Associational Office.

We find in 1947 Jackson Sepaugh was elected President and in 1948-50 Mrs. R. L. Nichols was elected. It was in 1950 that BYPU changed its name to Baptist Training Union with a more graded system. In 1950 we had 20 Primaries; 17 Juniors; 19 Intermediates; 12 Young people; and 42 Adults 25-34 age.

In 1951 C. T. Tolbert was elected president, and P. D. Anthony was elected 1952, 53, 54, 55. During that period we had enrolled 18 Beginners; 20 Juniors; 11 Intermediates; 33 Youth; 14 Adults 25-34, with 2 General Officers.

In 1956 Louie Allen was elected President and served four years. Cletus Blanton was elected President for 1960-61. Johnny Lavender was elected for 1962. In 1963 C. T. Tolbert was elected President and served 15 years. Bob Crawford was elected in 1978 and served 2 years. Homer Starnes was elected in 1981 and has served until the present date.

In 1970 the Training Union changed its grading as did the Sunday School; also the name was changed to Church Training. In 1971 we had enrolled Preschool 6; Children age 6-11, 16; Youth, 12-17, 28; Young Adults 18-29, none; Adults 30-59, 13; Senior Adults over 60, 8.

Written by: P. D. Anthony
Wilson Randall

MUSIC

"New Hope Church has always had a satisfactory music program, and at times, an outstanding one," according to Mrs. Gladys H. Hopper, church historian. She has a copy of what is probably the first hymnal used by the church, Baptist Harmony, "a selection of hymns and spiritual songs for social worship" by Stanton S. Burdette, a minister of the gospel. The hymnal, copyright date 1834, was published by E. W. Miller in Pleasant Hill, S. C. A pocket-size leather book, it contains poems, but no music. Since, in its early days, the church had no musical instrument, the song leader pitched the tune for the congregation and they sang the poems. The first hymn in the book is "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" which is still sung at the church today, as are many of the other hymns.

Through the years, New Hope has used many different hymnals, including the American, the Modern, the Broadman, the Baptist, and the new Baptist, 1975 edition. An interesting letter, dated April 6, 1897, from the Baptist Book Store to C. F. Roberts says "The 'Sacred Songs', can be had in round or shaped notes," but we have no record of the type hymnals the church purchased at that time. In 1924, the minutes state that the church bought 100 song books for \$25; in 1962, 200 Baptist Hymnals for \$370; and in 1967, 75 Baptist Hymnals, 35 Junior Hymnals, and 35 Modern Hymnals. In 1982, 300 Baptist Hymnals, 1975 edition, were given to the church by various individuals in honor of or in memory of their loved ones.

In the church minutes, the first mention of the music program was that on July 9, 1916, Mr. W. G. Hopper resigned as choir leader. Two months later, upon the request of the church, he withdrew his resignation, and Colton Jones and D. Floyd McSwain were elected as assistant leaders.

Because some of the minutes were burned, and because some years the church clerks did not include in the minutes a list of the officers elected, we have incomplete information about the choir directors and church pianists and organists. Therefore, the following is a partial list of the choir directors with only the dates of their service which are recorded in the minutes.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.



OFFICE

BAPTIST BOOK STORE,

113 FAYETTEVILLE STREET.

B. W. SPILMAN, S. S. MISSIONARY.

Raleigh, N. C.,

4/6 1897

C. P. Roberts, Care. NC

Dear Bro:- The "Sacred Songs," can be had in round
or shaped notes.

Very Truly,

BAPTIST
BOOK STORE,
RALEIGH, N. C.

W. G. Hopper, 1916
W. C. Blanton, 1923
D. Floyd McSwain, 1924, 1927, 1932-34
George Bridges, 1928, 1944-46
Matt Blanton, 1929
Clyde McSwain, 1930, 1931
Howard Bettis, 1936
Rebecca Austell, 1938, 1942
Lucille Gibson, 1947-49, 1957, 1958
Austell Graham, 1950, 1952-55
Reid Crawford, 1956

Many of these also served as assistant directors at various times. Others of whom we have a record of serving as assistant directors are Colton Jones, James Lee Ellis, Jack Bettis, Mary Ruth Lavender (Starnes), Evelyn Hubbard (Champion), and Cletus Blanton.

On January 11, 1959, Joseph Blanton was hired at a salary of \$20 a week to be director of music. In addition, he was to assist the pastor and coach RA baseball. Joseph Blanton was the first paid director of music in the church's history although many times paid musicians, some quite accomplished, had been secured from outside the church for revivals.

Following is a list of the paid music directors with the dates of their service;

Joseph Blanton, 1959-60
Stanley Webb, 1960-61
Michael Ramsey, 1961-62
Kenneth Bolin, 1962-63
Desmond Hargis, 1963-65
Martha Lattimore, Summer 1965
Yates Pearson, 1966--

The first pianist/organist recorded in the minutes was Ola Wylie (Mrs. R. L.) who was elected in 1922. She served as pianist, organist, or assistant pianist until 1932, with the possible exception of 1926.

In 1924, Pinkie Jones (Nichols) was elected assistant organist and in 1925, church pianist, and except for the years 1927-29, she was pianist or organist until 1966. Upon her retirement, the church honored her with a reception and presented her a silver service. Even after her "retirement" she was assistant organist until 1969, and Sunday School Department

pianist until her death on July 12, 1981, having played the piano at Sunday School on that morning.

Ann Conley became church organist in 1966, and has served until the present time (1983) except for one year when Joyce Wright held the position.

Following is a list of some of the others who have been church pianists with only the dates of their service which are recorded in the minutes:

Mary Ruth Lavender Starnes, 1966, 67, 69, 70
Betty Crow (Denkler), 1968
Joyce Wright, 1971, 72
Cindy Bettis (Borders), 1973
Ann McCurry (Thackerson), 1974-

Many of these also served as assistant pianists and/or organists at various times. Others of whom we have a record of serving as assistant pianists and/or organists are Mamie Lavender, Florence Jones (Wallace), Mary Love Bettis (Page), Lucille Gibson, Mary Louise Austell (Moss), Gwendolyn Crawford (Stacy), Lona Borders (Allen), Doris Austell, Mildred Gold (Phillips), Carolyn Wright (Bumgardner), Donna Earl (Bridges), Jeannine Allen, Denise Davis, and Sherri Jackson.

As far as is known, the pump organ was the first musical instrument used at New Hope Church. According to the minutes, on July 12, 1919, the church voted to buy the piano which the Sunday School had placed in the church, and in 1928 voted to buy a new piano for \$256. The first electric organ was purchased in 1952 for \$1800. The Allen organ which is still in use was purchased in 1969 for \$6,105. At the dedication service for the new church on November 2, 1958 it was announced that the chimes had been donated by Miss Thelma Earl and Mrs. Bynum Mauney.

In 1950, New Hope had an excellent youth choir of 42 members, directed by Lucille Gibson. The pianist was Pinkie Nichols. White robes for this choir were made by the mothers of choir members and the ladies of the church. Many of these choir members returned and presented special music for the 100th anniversary service of the church in August, 1974.

Other memorable musical events were Memorial Day services when special music was presented by such musicians as Pervis Runyans, Helen Graham Moore and Frances Graham Lee, and Christmas programs when George

Bridges, Hackett Byers and Clyde McSwain sang "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

The adult choir was organized in 1954 when the church moved into the present church building. The first formal robes for this choir were burgundy. These were replaced with gold ones in 1967. When the new church was remodeled in 1969, a choir room was especially planned with a piano, closets for robes, and cabinets for music. At present, the adult choir has 30 members.

Since 1966, a highlight of the New Hope Church musical program has been the Christmas cantata presented by the Adult and Youth Choirs under the direction of Yates Pearson.

Researched and compiled by:

Doris N. Austell & Pansie B. Elinburg



Yates Pearson was honored on March 6, 1983 with a recognition service for his 17 years of dedicated service to New Hope as Music Director.



Mrs. Pinkie (Jones) Nichols played the church instruments from 1924 to 1966, except two years. This type pump organ was the first purchased by the church.



Members of the 1950 Youth Choir that were present at the 100th Anniversary in Aug. 1974.

F. row: Rev. Donald Farrow, B. H. Hopper, Rev. C.C. Crow, Yates Pearson, directing music.

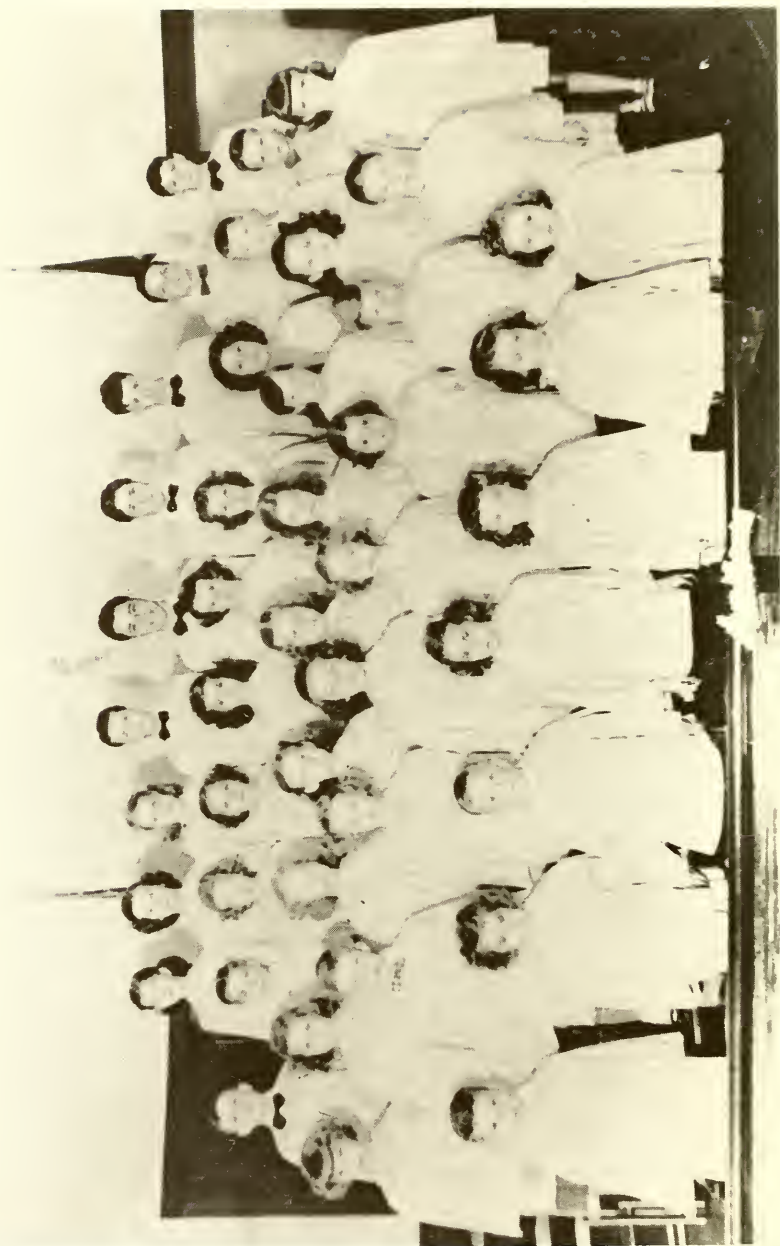
1st row: Joyce Wright, Frances Collins, Nancy Collins, Carolyn Turner, Jackie Lavender.

Mrs. Lucille Gibson director of the 1950 choir.

2nd row: Linda Camp, Judy Cooper, Peggy Jackson, Arlane Weaver, Elizabeth Davis, Barbara Dover, Kathryn McCurry.

Back row: Leonard Gibson, Reid Crawford, Johnny Lavender, Steve Tolbert.





1950 Junior Choir - Roster on next page.

1950 Junior Choir

1st row -	Johnny Lavender	2nd row -	Steve Glenn
	Linda Anthony		Patricia Sepaugh
	Leonard Gibson		Patricia McSwain
	Molly Jones		Betty Blanton
	Jackie Lavender		Frances DeLoatch
	Joyce Wright		Mike Sepaugh
	Virginia McSwain		Steve Tolbert

3rd row -	Judy Lavender	4th row -	Claude Lavender
	Sybil Jones		Joe Patterson
	Arlane Mooney		Sandra Gibson
	Janie Sepaugh		Nancy Lowery
	Peggy Lavender		Beth Patterson
	Louise Glenn		Ann Nichols
	Brenda Ellis		Kathryn Bridges
	Carolyn Wright		Carolyn Blanton
	Mildred Patterson		Joe Ellis
			Alton Barrett

5th row -	Barbara Borders
	Elizabeth Mooney
	Glenda Patterson
	Pat Davis
	Reid Crawford
	Paul Davis
	James Jones
	Don Putnam
	Dean Jones

MISSIONS

Old associational yearly reports of New Hope Baptist Church show that in 1911 the church had a Woman's Missionary Organization with 24 women enrolled. A Sunbeam Band with 33 children enrolled was led by Mrs. Ellie Nichols. Oral reports are that she led the Children's Mission Program for many years at New Hope. Written reports can not be found for some years.

In the yearly church report for 1916 there were 7 young people enrolled under missions. The name of the organization was not given. In the next year, 1917, there were 20 women and 40 children enrolled under missions.

1918 records show that Miss Attie Bostick, Missionary to China, came to New Hope to help her sister, Mrs. Mary Austell, organize a Woman's Missionary Union. One meeting per month was held after the Saturday afternoon church service. They always took a mission offering which was very small. Records show that 18 year old Miss Mae Bechtler (Davis) and her sister, Miss Ollie Betchler, joined the Missionary Society.

Records are missing for "missions" at New Hope for all of the 1920 years.

In 1932 the report showed 16 women enrolled under missions. The next year there were a total of 23 women and 29 children enrolled. The enrollment began to grow and the next year there was a mission offering of \$13.45.

From the year 1935 the mission offering has been a total church offering for missions. The number of women enrolled in missions increased. Interest in the program grew as the women began to study, read books and give programs about Southern Baptist Mission work, the great need for missionaries, and money to enlarge the program especially in foreign countries.

By the year 1950 there were 49 women and 47 children enrolled in missions making a total of 96. These years were periods of growth for missions at New Hope. Circles were organized for the women. Circles were named for women who had been dedicated to helping the mission program. These names were Mary Austell, Lottie Moon, Ellie Nichols and Lottie Turner.

The women organized and provided leadership and training for all the youth organizations the Southern Baptist Program sponsored.

Church records show the following women have served

as President of New Hope Church WMU.

Mrs. Mary Austell
Mrs. Charlie Wright
Mrs. John T. Borders
Mrs. Kate White
Mrs. Lee Lavender
Mrs. Burie H. Hopper
Mrs. W. L. McSwain
Mrs. J. W. Davis
Mrs. R. E. Nichols

Mrs. Roy Lavender
Mrs. Gertrude Ellis
Mrs. R. L. Nichols
Mrs. L. H. Gibson
Mrs. S. B. Putnam
Mrs. Ben Turner
Mrs. Floyd Loudermilk
Mrs. Byron Davis

In the year of 1957 the Kings Mountain Association-al WMU meeting was held at New Hope Church for its all day program, including lunch at the church with New Hope WMU as host.



Bible Study Group 1973 Christmas Luncheon.

Clockwise, standing: Thelma Earl, Katie Moss, Gladys Hopper, Eva Runyans, Pinkie Nichols, Gertrude Austell, Ruth Turner, Hester Eaker, Margaret Fox.

By this time there were about a hundred women enrolled in missions at New Hope. More emphasis was being put on mission organizations for different age groups of the church. Leaders for all age groups were elected by the WMU to help with the mission studies and work. All organizations of young people sponsored by the Southern Baptist Program were sponsored, led and taught by the WMU.

Some of the New Hope WMU's finest work and accomplishments has been in the organizing, training and sponsoring the mission training program of its youth. This included the Royal Ambassadors for boys until the Brotherhood was organized in 1956 at New Hope.

During the middle 1960's the WMU helped the young ladies of the church to organize a circle for their age. This circle was named Annie Armstrong.

The names of the Mission Organization and officers were changed in 1970. The first WMU Director was Mrs. Ben Turner followed in 1971 by Mrs. Jethro Champion. Serving with them as Baptist Women Presidents have been Mrs. Marion Morehead, Mrs. Paul Davis, Mrs. Don McCurry, Mrs. Steve Jackson and Mrs. Alan Hardin.

The women's organization is now called Baptist Women. There are five groups: Bible Study, Prayer Group, Mission Action, Current Missions I and II. These groups meet monthly with a program relative to their title.

Two years ago a Baptist Young Women's Organization was formed. Today there are 19 active members.

Acteens, Girls in Action and Mission Friends are the names of the youth and children groups. Each of these groups is active in their mission work and programs today.

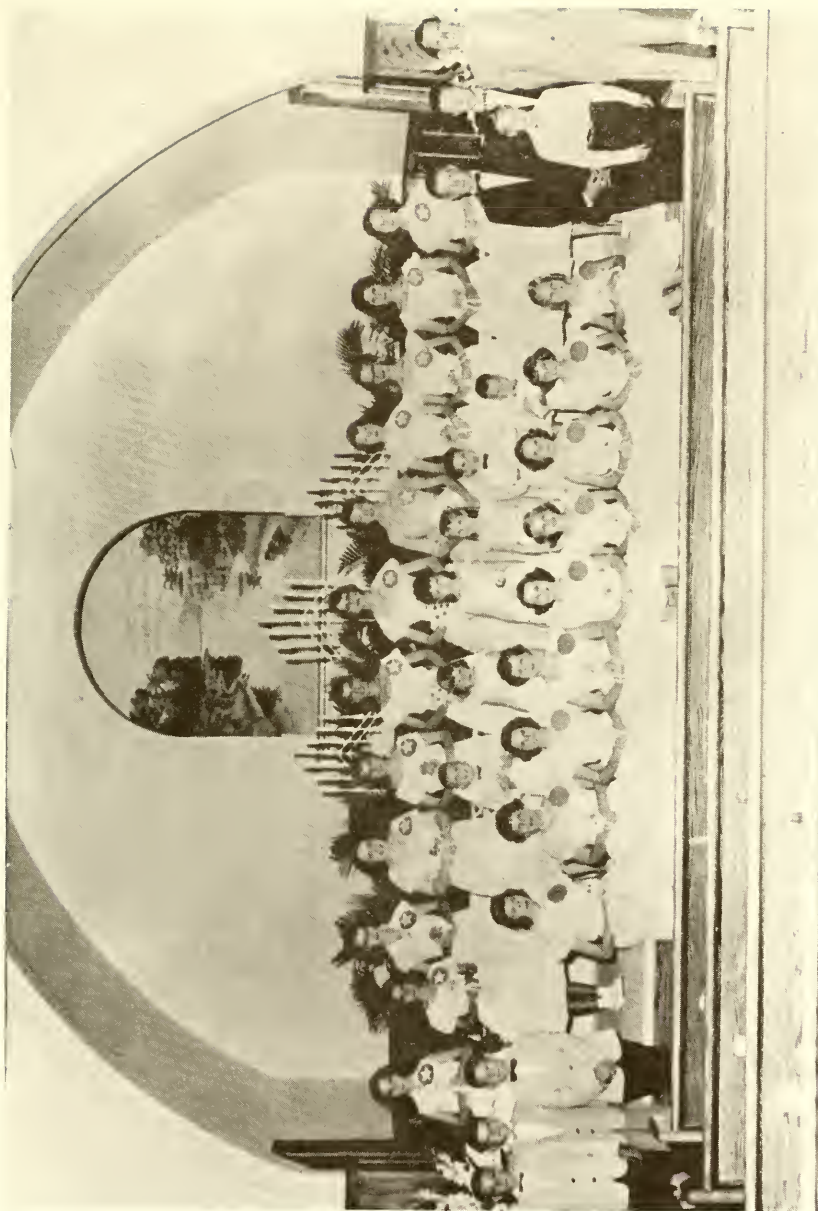
A monthly church wide meeting of all mission groups is held at the church. It has been called "family" night.

The New Hope mission offering in 1935 was \$13.45 and in 1981 it was \$14,825.00.

The Mission program and the Brotherhood program is alive and growing at New Hope Baptist Church at the present time.

Researched by: Corinne Turner, Lucille Gibson,
Evelyn Morehead

Written by: Gladys Hopper



YWA and GA Coronation
See next page for names

1st. row 1. to r: Mary Louise Glenn, Patricia McSwain, Frances DeLoatch, Betty Blanton, Joyce Wright, Judy Wilson, Patricia Sepaugh, Virginia McSwain, Mildred Blanton.

2nd. row: Joey Davis, Jeannette Champion, Betty McSwain, Patricia Howington, Tommy Austell, Johnny Gibson.

3rd. row: Jackie Hendrick, Linda Anthony, Ann Nichols, Carolyn Wright, Brenda Kirby, Barbara Borders, Ruth Quinn Cox, Sandra Gibson, Brenda Ellis, Arlane Mooney, Carolyn Blanton, Janie Sepaugh.

Left hand-boys: Leonard Gibson, Michael Sepaugh, Steve Tolbert.

Right hand-boys: Andrew Blanton, Jr., Joe Ellis, James Cox, Billy Watterson.

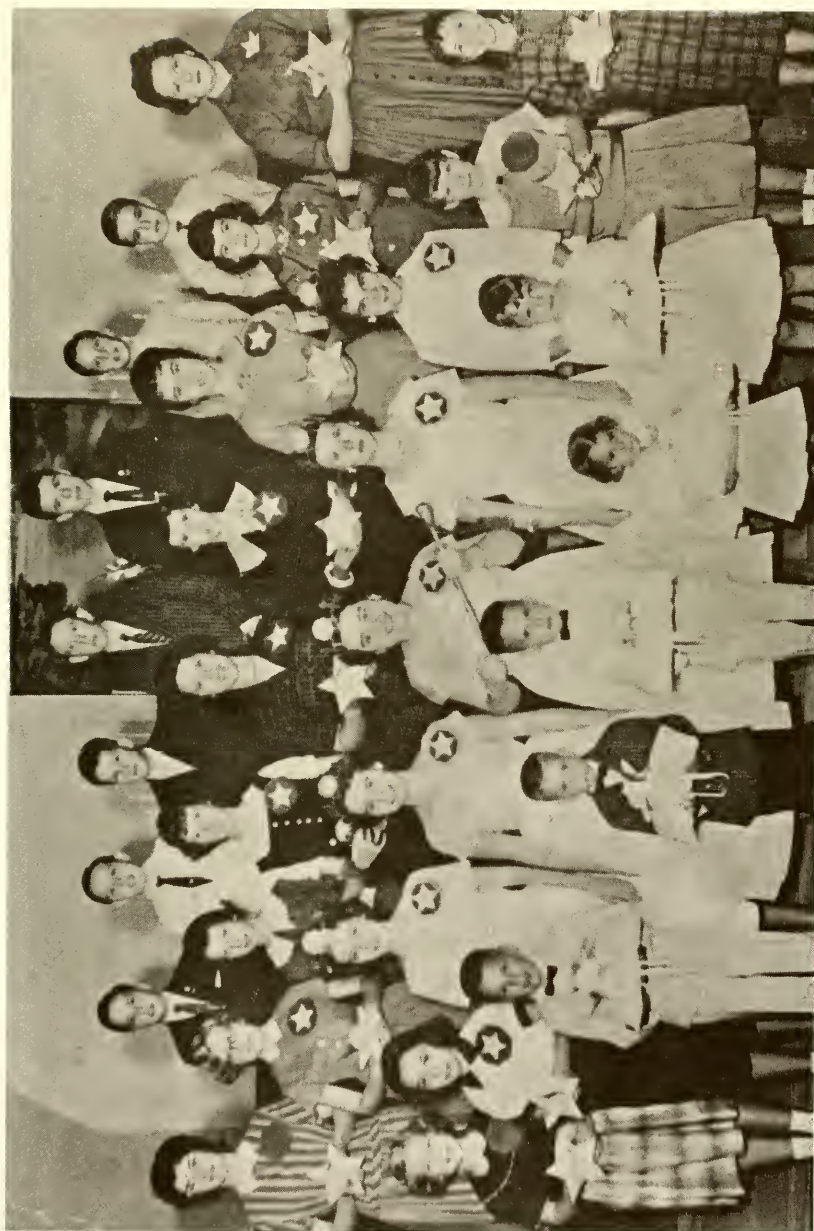
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1st row - Ricky Allen, Bobby Loudermilk, Nick Austell, Marty Moss, Kathy Austell.

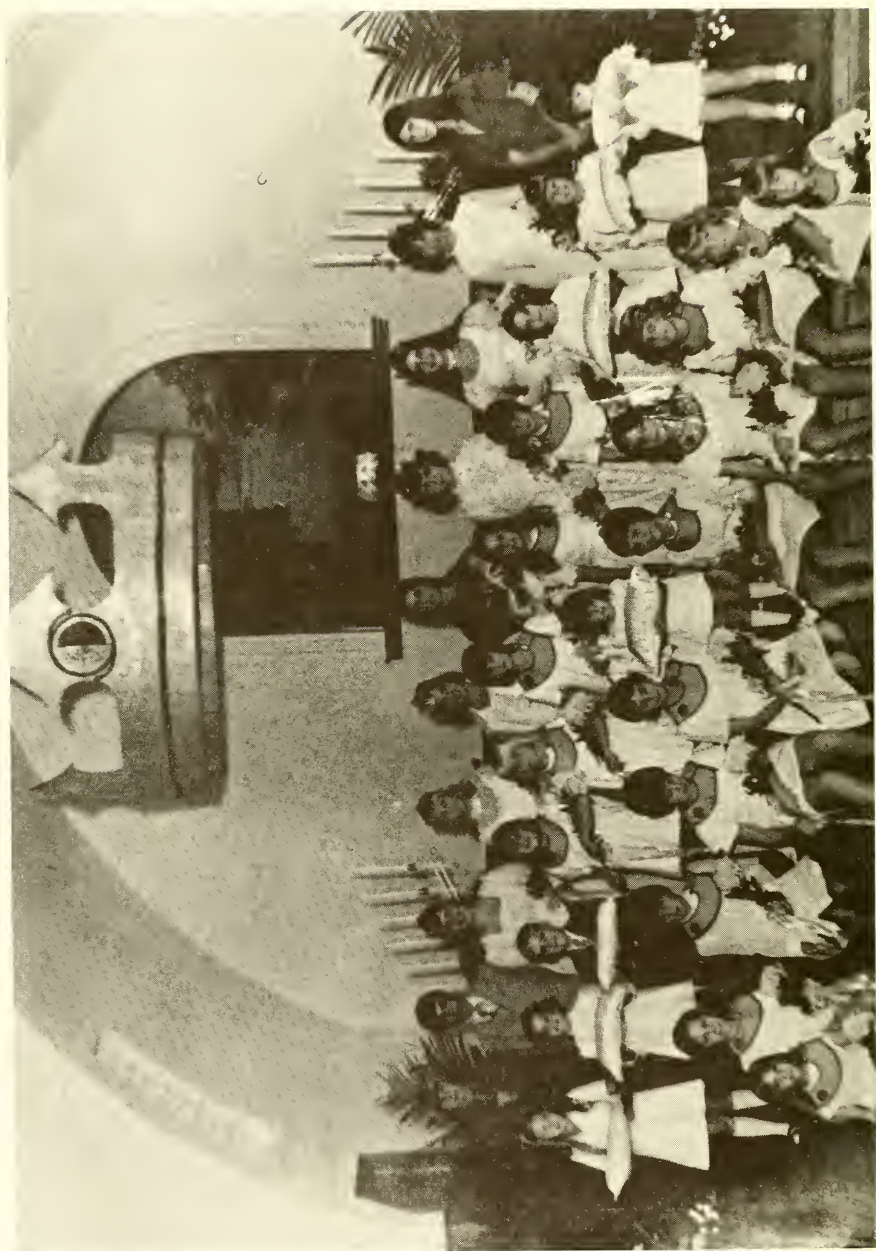
2nd row - Margie Blanton, Brenda Loudermilk, Nancy Collins, Joyce Wright, Carolyn Wright, Patricia Sepaugh, Linda Anthony, Cynthia Sepaugh, Dixie Francis.

3rd row - Mildred Blanton, Betty Dover, Patsy Dover, Brenda Randall, Betsy Cox, Judy Lavender, Judy Patterson, Betty Blanton.

4th row - Max Hopper, Harold (Sonny) Wright, Lyndlle Elinburg, Steve Tolbert, Michael Sepaugh, Steve McSwain, Bobby Burgess.



YWA and GA Coronation



Recognition Service
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GA and Acteen Recognition Service - Sept. 1975

1st row l. to r: Triva Brooks, Dawn Pippin, Wendi Starnes, Luanne White, Sherri Peterson, Charlene Hardin (Pillow Bearer), Sherri Jackson, Judy Dover, Lisa Conley, Sherri Camp, Susan Lavender.

2nd row: Julia Hardin, Penny Sharts, Mark Davis, Rhonda Collins, Jackie Keister, Laura Farrow, Pam Sharts, Lynn Lavender, Lori Brooks (Pillow Bearer), Deborah Reece, Betsy Lavender.

3rd row: Wayne Conley, Gene McCurry, Denise Davis, Debbie Camp, Jeannine Allen, Jane Bettis, Amy Blanton, Autumn Collins, Ann McCurry, Lynn Turner.



New Hope Sunbeam Leaders: Gladys Lovelace and Doris Austell.

A HISTORY of the BROTHERHOOD of NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Brotherhood is a mission group comprised of the men and boys of the New Hope Baptist Church. According to Kings Mountain Association minutes the Brotherhood got its start at New Hope in 1956. In that first year there were 21 men enrolled along with one Junior and 7 Intermediate boys. B. H. Hopper served as the first president of New Hope's Brotherhood. Below is a list of the presidents and directors of our Brotherhood:

1957 - Louie Allen, President
1958-59 - Ben Turner, President
1960 - Hartness Gibson, President
1961-65 - Morris Runyan, President
1966-77 - Ed Champion, President-Director
1978-79 - Jim White, Director
1980 - Homer Starnes, Director
1981 to present - Bill Cameron, Jr., Director

The Brotherhood grew in numbers in the late 1950's as there was an average of 12 Juniors and 12 Intermediates along with 20 men.

Records show the average from 1961-65 was 15 Juniors and Intermediates along with 15 men.

In 1965 the boys of the church were organized into the group known as Royal Ambassadors (RA's). The RA's consisted of 2 chapters - the Crusaders (ages 6-11) and the Pioneers (ages 12-17). From 1965-70 the Crusaders averaged 7 in enrollment and the Pioneers averaged 12 members. The Brotherhood averaged 14 men during this time.

The years 1971-76 saw the RA's grow in number to 14 in both the Crusader and Pioneer chapters. The men also averaged 14 in the Brotherhood.

From 1977 to the present date these averages have stayed fairly steady, although slightly lower than the previous time period.

Many men have served as R.A. leaders since its beginning. Below is a list of those known to have served:

P. D. Anthony	Steve Jackson	Nick Austell
B. H. Hopper	Lenord Greene	Buren Hamrick
Ed Elinburg	Charles Judd	Jimmy Gibson
W. R. Cameron	Bill Cameron, Jr.	Don Cooper

Researched by Wilson Randall-Written by Bill Cameron, Jr.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The first Vacation Bible School organized at New Hope Church was June 21-25, 1948 according to some old records found at the church. Miss Flora Lloyd of Hillsboro, N. C. was a state worker who came to our church to help organize the Bible School. The total enrollment that year was 60 made up of 58 Baptists and 2 Methodists with an average attendance of 52. The Mission offering that week was \$5.82 for the Cooperative Program.

The Faculty listed in the record book were:

Principal: Miss Flora Lloyd
Assistant Principal: Mrs. L. H. Gibson
Pianist: Miss Doris Nichols
Music Director: Miss Helen Graham
Beginner: Mrs. C. Q. Lavender, Mrs.
C. C. Sepaugh
Primary: Mrs. Mike Earl, Mrs. Jackson
Sepaugh, Mrs. P. D. Anthony
Junior: Mrs. Hoyt Nichols, Miss Sara
Wilson, Mrs. Henry Hendrick
Intermediate: Miss Winnie Borders, Mrs.
Kate White, Mrs. Lee
Lavender
Refreshments: Mrs. B. Austell, Mrs. R. L.
Hause, Mrs. R. R. Crawford
The Pastor that year was Rev. Hugh Harrill,
address Lattimore, N. C. and the Sunday
School Superintendent was Mr. Clyde Mc-
Swain, Route 1, Blacksburg, S. C.

New Hope continued to promote VBS each year with the mid-60's being the most productive. In 1966 the record shows 27 faculty members, with an offering of \$27.55. From that date forward the attendance averaged over 100 each year, and it was through VBS that many children were brought into the church.

We found listed as Principals Mrs. Lucille Gibson, Mrs. Jackie Lavender, Rev. Donald Farrow, Mrs. Thomas Austell, Mrs. John Farrar, Rev. Floyd Loudermilk, Rev. Don Goff, Mrs. James White, Mrs. Louis Crawford, Mr. Alan Hardin, Rev. Joel Jenkins, Mrs. Donnie Chandler, Mrs. Don McCurry and Mrs. Brenda Sharts. In 1970 the term Principal was changed to Director.

In 1981 and 82 the Senior Adults had a very active class in VBS. The teaching, crafts, and fellowship were an enjoyable experience.



First organized VBS in 1948 at New Hope, with worker from State Board on right of picture.



One group at Vacation Bible School - 1951

Front row: Judy Patterson, Bobby Burgess, Ellen Wright, Dianne Wilson McCraw.

Back row: Joyce Wright, Harold Bell, Max Blanton.



VBS group at New Hope in 1958.



One VBS group in 1953 at New Hope Church.
Mrs. Pansie Elinburg, Leader

LIBRARY

New Hope has had a library since the 1930's. There were less than 100 books but they were properly classified and filed. Miss Doris Nichols kept records for this early library at New Hope but when she finished high school and went away to college the library was not as carefully operated.

When New Hope Church moved into its new church building in 1954 the library books were moved into a section of the church basement and Gladys Hopper acted as librarian, keeping check of the books when they were taken out to be read and adding to the number as she could; but she was not an elected librarian by the church until later.

Some people in the church were interested in having a good library for New Hope and efforts to get desirable books were promoted. Books for mission organizations were badly needed. As the number of books grew and the number of people reading them grew an interest in having a church library began to take action. The church had a small unused room that was cleaned out, shelves built in, painted and made it ready to become a library. Individuals donated a magazine rack; a desk and a table were found to use. Carpet to cover the cement floor was given and New Hope Church had a library room for its growing number of books.

A library committee was elected by the church composed of Miss Jeannine Allen, Mrs. Lee Lavender, Mrs. Thomas Austell and Mrs. Burie Hopper. Mrs. Hopper was elected Chairperson thus has been named New Hope Church Librarian through the years in Associational reports. Mrs. Austell, a professional with a Master's degree in Library Science, lists, classifies and cross files all books. The Dewey System is used. Other members of the library committee process the books, and put them on the shelves and operate the library from 9:30 each Sunday morning until 11 o'clock or time for worship service. The Library is opened on Wednesday nights with a librarian on duty. There is an active reading interest at all times, especially among the younger members of Sunday School and Church.

The present 1881 volumes have been mostly given by individuals and for some twelve years the library has been included in the church budget and receives money each year to purchase books. The most expensive

reference sets, series of books for youth and children, as well as most of the expensive volumes have been purchased with monies given as living, useful memorials to friends and loved ones in lieu of flowers.

The library committee sponsors interest in a lively reading program for the library at all times. We have organized and sponsored reading clubs for Beginners, Juniors and Youth during the summer months starting with Bible School.

A report is made to the Kings Mountain Association each year of the activities in the library.

Mrs. Hopper's ill health forced her to retire from the library work in 1980. The present New Hope Library Committee is Mrs. Lee Lavender, Chairperson; Miss Jeannine Allen, Mrs. Joe Sepaugh, Mrs. Melba Chandler and Mrs. Thomas Austell.

The library subscribes to the National Geographic and the Mission magazines. Records show that 120 books have been checked out in one day. The library has never been open with no books checked out. The library has a collection of rare books relative to church use, such as old hymnals, etc.

As the library continued to grow more space was needed to display the books and have room for the workers to do their job and for the people to be able to select what they want. In the fall of 1982 new quarters were made available just up the hall from the original location when we moved into the new church. The library is now 18 x 22 feet with wall shelves at each end. It has two doors opening into the hall with a display cabinet between the doors. The back wall has a desk table to work from and room for a reading or conference table in the center.

The carpet is a beautiful shade of autumn colors that blend so well with the walls and cabinets. It was paid for by the library committee and friends.

Written by: Mrs. B. H. Hopper



Library Workers, Bess Lavender and Gladys Hopper, busy helping children with library books.



Jeannine Allen and Gladys Hopper with children visiting library.

SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITY

While we were still meeting in the old church across the railroad tracks, the Men's Bible Class felt a need for fellowship in the community. As a result of this they began to entertain the Ladies class. B. Austell, Lee Lavender, and R. R. Crawford were elected as a committee to collect money to start this fellowship.

The first outing was a Catfish supper held at the old Hotel at Sulphur Springs. The fish were caught by B. Austell and Lee Lavender at Ninety-nine Island. The committee cooked and served the fish. Much chatter about the old Hotel, snakes, chiggers, and flies made up the entertainment.

This group also sponsored chicken stews in the Cannery at No. 3 School.

After the present church was built this practice continued; the group enjoyed going to different fish camps.

Later the adult group was formed including other people from the community. This group met in the church fellowship hall, with Bess and Lee Lavender as leaders. Covered dish meals were enjoyed, along with a devotional period and a game of bingo.

One of the best meetings was a Show and Tell. The Pastor, Rev. Donald Farrow, brought a tea table that came from Japan which contained a lot of Mother of Pearl. Other members brought lots of things that were enjoyed by all.

Because of ill health Lee and Bess had to resign as leaders. For a number of years there were no meetings.

In 1982 the church appointed a committee to organize a new group of leaders for the Senior Citizens. This committee consisted of Helen Burgess, Pansie Elinburg, and Corinne Turner under the direction of the pastor. The committee invited the Senior Citizens of the community to a covered dish supper on November 18, 1982. 41 people were present.

During the business meeting the following Officers were elected: President, Mrs. Homer Starnes; Vice President, C. T. Tolbert; and Secretary, Austell Graham. At this time the name "New Hope Hopefuls" was chosen for the name of the Senior Citizen group.

Researched by: Mrs. Bess Lavender

Written by: Helen Burgess

New Hope Senior Adults above age 75



Seated: Ruth Turner, Ruby Austell, Annie D. Wilson, Lizzie Gibson, J. H. Tulloh, Milford Harrill, Mae Davis.
Standing: Gettys Bingham, Lillie Bingham, Gladys Warren, Lucy Haas, Margaret Fox, Thelma Earl, Gladys Hopper, B. H. Hopper, John Eaker, Hester Eaker.



DEACONS

Records for a number of years are missing or incomplete so it is impossible to list those men who have served as deacons in its entirety. From the time New Hope was organized until about 1930 deacons were elected for life.

When the church was organized in 1874 we found Able Earl, James McSwain and J. H. Austell were the first deacons. From that date until 1943 we found the following elected as deacons:

A. E. Bettis	W. W. Hardin
S. H. Austell	C. E. Jones
Lowery Austell	Roy Lavender
Bostick Austell	Lawson M. McSwain
Will Bettis	Clyde McSwain
Fred Blanton	R. L. Nichols
Coleman Bridges	G. L. Putnam
R. R. Crawford	H. A. Turner
J. R. DeLoatch	R. G. Turner
C. J. Duke	Charlie Wright
R. P. Francis	B. F. Wilson
W. G. Hopper	Joe Wright

In the early 1930's a 2 - 4 - 6 year system of 4 men each was approved by the church. The church minutes show the following were elected in this sequence.

"List of deacons elected 3/8/30 for 2 years were: L.M. McSwain, R.G. Turner, Charlie Wright and R. R. Crawford.

For 4 years were: H. A. Turner, S. H. Austell, G. L. Putnam and Lowery Austell.

For 6 years were: B. Austell, B. F. Wilson, C. E. Jones and W. F. Bettis. After the election a motion was made to make R. P. Francis and W. G. Hopper Honorary Deacons for life.

List of deacons whose time had expired 3/8/32 were: L. M. McSwain, R. G. Turner, R. R. Crawford and Charlie Wright. On July 9, 1932 they were all elected for 6 years.

On 2/8/37 the following were elected to fill the deacons place whose term had expired: R. L. Nichols, S. H. Austell, Hartness Gibson and

Fred Blanton for a period of 4 years.

Lowery Austell, Roy Lavender and B. Austell were elected for 6 years. After which Lowery Austell moved his membership. Then on August 14, 1937 Foy Putnam and Clyde McSwain were elected to fill out the 6 year term.

Those whose term had expired on July 9, 1938 were: R. G. Turner, R. R. Crawford, Charlie Wright and L. M. McSwain. In February 1939 they all were re-elected for 6 years.

It was in February 1943 that the present system of rotating for a three year term, with at least one year off before being eligible to serve again was started. To get the plan started twelve men were elected on a one, two and three year term of four each.

Sunday, Feb. 7, 1943 the pastor, Rev. C. C. Crow, called the church to conference for the purpose of electing twelve deacons which were as follows: R. L. Nichols, Clyde McSwain, B. Austell and R. G. Turner for three years; S. H. Austell, Charlie Wright, R. R. Crawford and Hartness Gibson for two year term; J.R. Deloatch Roy Lavender, Lamar Davis and Wilson Randall for a one year term."

Since that time the following men have served as deacons:

Louie Allen	H. G. Earl
P. D. Anthony	Ed Elinburg
Joe Austell	Clem Francis
Wade Austell	M. A. Francis
Robert (Nick) Austell	Hartness Gibson
Thomas Austell	Austell Graham
Cletus Blanton	Alan Hardin
Steve Borders	Burie H. Hopper
W. R. Cameron	Joe Hopson
Bill Cameron, Jr.	Steve Jackson
Edgar Champion	Claude Lavender
Lawrence Collins	Max Lell
Clifford Conley	Don McCurry
Bobby Crawford	Rev. W. L. McSwain
Dr. John B. Crow	C. L. Mooney
Joe K. Davis	Hoyt Nichols
Lamar Davis	J. H. Page
Shannon Duncan	Pinkney Poston
Mike Earl	Wilson Randall

Morris Runyan
Frank Robinson
Jackson Sepaugh
Joe Sepaugh
Homer L. Starnes
Warren Starnes
Lenord Greene

J. H. Tulloh
Ben Turner
C. T. Tolbert
Harold Wright
Spurgeon Wright
Manning E. Wylie

Fifty-one men have been elected deacons
since 1943.

Church Elected Trustees

B. Austell, deceased
Robert G. Turner, deceased

Present Trustees

Louie Allen
Lawrence Collins
Burie H. Hopper

CHURCH CLERKS SINCE NEW HOPE WAS ORGANIZED

1874	-	1882	-	L. M. Logan
1882	-	1888	-	A. I. Borders
1888	-	1889	-	A. E. Bettis
1889	-	1893	-	W. D. Earl
1893	-	1896	-	A. E. Bettis
1896	-	1898	-	J. P. Rippy
1898	-	1902	-	G. A. Borders
1902	-	1904	-	D. G. Webber
1904	-	1909	-	G. A. Borders
1909	-	1913	-	Lawson M. McSwain
1913	-	1914	-	Andrell Webber
1914	-	1917	-	J. W. Bowers
1917	-	1921	-	D. B. Lowery
1921	-	1950	-	W. D. Earl
1950	-	1959	-	L. H. Gibson
1959	-	1961	-	Lawrence Collins
1961	-	1977	-	Warren Starnes
1977	-	1981	-	J. H. Page
1981	-		-	Mrs. Don McCurry

TREASURERS WHO SERVED NEW HOPE

In searching through our records we were unable to locate any records of elected Treasurers until 1920.

Listed below are those found in our records:

1920	-	1925	-	A. E. Bettis
1926	-	1929	-	D. B. Lowery
1930	-	1937	-	Miss Sallie Bettis
1938	-	1948	-	R. L. Nichols
1949	-	1950	-	Mrs. Hazel Turner
1951	-		-	Mrs. Thomas Austell
1952	-	1962	-	Mrs. Hazel Turner
1963	-		-	Mrs. Louie Allen
1964	-	1969	-	Miss Thelma Earl
1970	-		-	J. H. Tulloh

CHURCH DIRECTORY 1982 – 1983

CHURCH TELEPHONES:

Church Office: 487—6726

Church Study: 487—5112

Parsonage: 487—8823

STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. M. David Gordon
 Music Director.....Mr. Yates Pearson
 Secretary.....Mrs. Don McCurry
 Custodians.....Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hardin

DEACONS

1983

1984

1985

Louie Allen, Chairman
 Nick Austell
 Edgar Champion
 H. L. Starnes, Vice Chairman

Steve Borders, Secretary
 Clem Francis
 J. H. Page
 Pinkney Poston

Thomas Austell
 Cletus Blanton
 W. R. (Bill) Cameron, Jr.
 Claude Lavender

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Mrs. Don McCurry.....Clerk
 Mr. J. H. Tulloh.....Treasurer
 Mrs. Clifford Conley.....Organist
 Mrs. Bobby Thackerson.....Pianist
 Mr. Spurgeon Wright.....Usher Chairman
 Mr. Roger Hopson.....Youth Usher Chairman
 Mrs. Warren Starnes.....Chairman of Hospitality Committee
 Mr. Alan Hardin.....Chairman of House and Grounds Committee
 Mr. Bob Crawford.....Chairman of Finance Committee
 Mrs. Lee Lavender.....Chairman of Library Committee
 Mr. Thomas Austell.....Chairman of Cemetery Committee
 Mrs. W. C. Burgess, Mrs. Marion Morehead.....Chairmen of Communion Committee
 Mrs. Hoyt Nichols, Mrs. Louie Allen.....Chairmen of Flower Committee
 Mrs. A. A. Wilson, Mrs. C. C. Sepaugh.....Chairmen of Food Committee for Deaths

Sunday School

10:00 A.M.

Mr. Harold Wright, Director
 Church Training

Mr. Wilson Randall, Assistant Director
 6:00 P.M.

Mr. H. L. Starnes, Director

Women's Missionary Union.....Wednesday after 1st Sunday, 7:30 P.M.
 Mrs. Jethro Champion, Director.....Mrs. Paul Davis, Baptist Women President.
 Mission Action Group.....Second Monday, 7:30 P.M.
 Bible Study Group.....Tuesday after 3rd Sunday, 2:30 P.M.
 Current Mission Group No. 2.....Third Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.
 Prayer Group.....Third Wednesday, 10:00 A.M.
 Current Mission Group No. 1.....Thursday after 3rd Sunday, 2:30 P.M.
 Baptist Young Women, Mrs. James Grigg, Jr.....First Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.
 Acteans.....Wednesday after 1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 P.M.
 Miss LuAnne White, Director
 Girls in Action.....Wednesday after 1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 P.M.
 Mrs. Nick Austell, Director
 Mission Friends.....Wednesday after 1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 P.M.
 Mrs. David Gordon, Director
 Brotherhood.....Wednesday after 1st Sunday, 7:30 P.M.
 Mr. Bill Cameron, Director
 Royal Ambassadors.....Wednesday after 1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 P.M.
 Jeffrey Champion, Buren Hamrick, Jimmy Gibson, Leaders
 Deacons' Meeting.....Last Tuesday in month, 7:30 P.M.
 Mid-Week Service.....Each Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.
 Monthly Business.....Second Sunday Morning.

NEW HOPE RECREATION PROGRAM

Early records do not indicate any recreational program at New Hope but in the 1950's the Royal Ambassador boys began a successful ball team program.

The Kings Mountain Associational Brotherhood sponsored a program for the churches, whereby Brotherhood organizations would buy necessary athletic equipment, and secure men of the Brotherhood to train, coach and chaperone the RA's.

In 1960 Burie Hopper was R. A. Leader for the boys of New Hope Church. Edgar Elinburg and Wade Austell were the RA team coaches.

"Mr. Ed", as he was lovingly called by all the boys, worked with them for many years. "Mr. Ed", New Hope Boys coach, was loved and respected by the boys and men of this area. Kays Gary, Charlotte Observer columnist, wrote an article of tribute in that paper about "Mr. Ed's" loyal and effective work with RA boys of New Hope Church.

In the Association this team won first place on two occasions and 2nd place on two other occasions. Perhaps the most cherished was the best sportsmanship award.

In 1968-69 a standard ball field was graded and finished and a Church Slow Pitch Soft Ball league for New Hope Church was organized for the adults. This was sponsored by the No. 3 Ruritan Club for the surrounding churches. This recreation program was enjoyed by many. Manager of the first New Hope team was B. H. Hopper; Assistant Manager, C. T. Tolbert. The roster consisted of:

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| 1. Ned Dedmon | 15. Hugh Huffman |
| 2. Bobby Morehead | 16. B. H. Hopper |
| 3. C. T. Tolbert | 17. Bill Sperling |
| 4. Clifford Conley | 18. Tom Hambright |
| 5. Claude Lavender | 19. Johnny Clark |
| 6. Joe Jenkins | 20. Robert Peterson |
| 7. Joel P. Jenkins | 21. Robert Cone |
| 8. Tommy Austell | 22. Ed Elinburg |
| 9. Thomas Austell | 23. Warren Starnes |
| 10. Nick Austell | 24. Johnny Lavender |
| 11. Steve Jackson | 25. Ronnie Nichols |
| 12. Lamar Camp | 26. Max Hopper |
| 13. Bob Hambright | 27. Frank Morehead |
| 14. Bob White | 28. Max Lell |

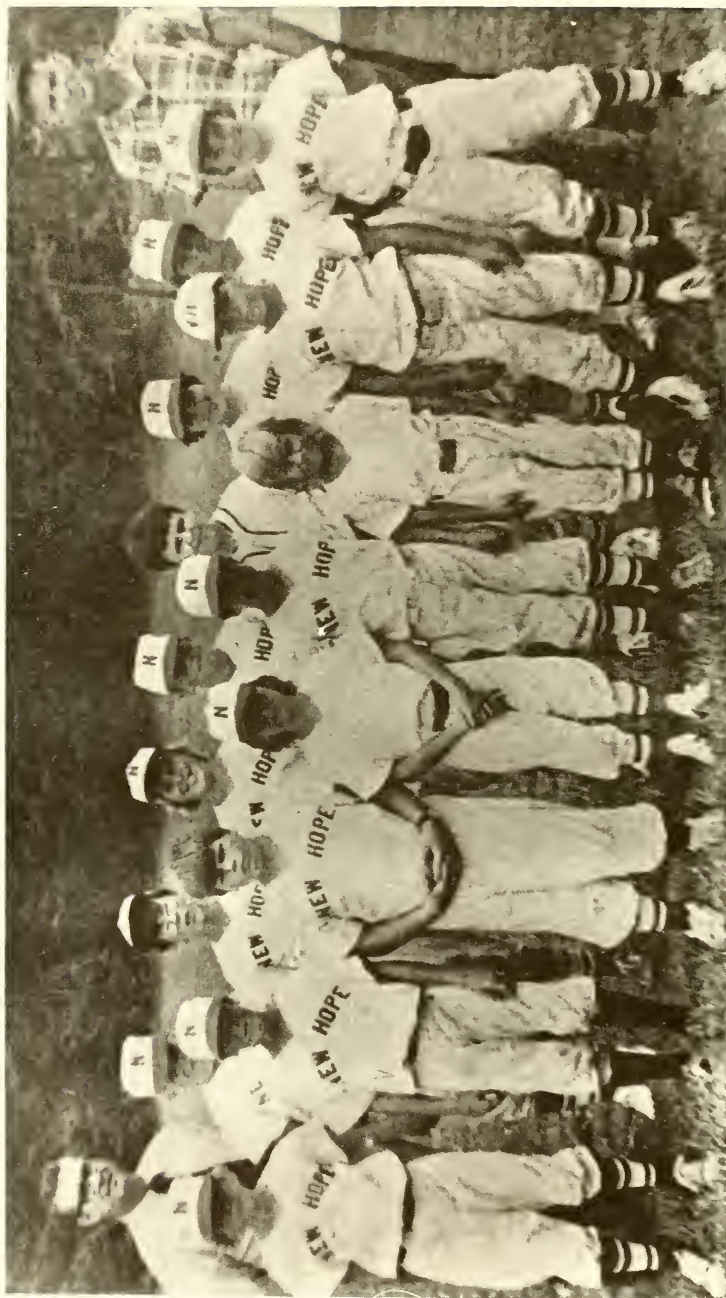
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| 29. Ricky Allen | 44. Gaston Bettis |
| 30. W. R. Cameron | 45. Sammy Nichols |
| 31. Billy Cameron | 46. John Adaway |
| 32. Lawrence Sailors | 47. Nick Sharts |
| 33. Talmadge Hastings | 48. Dennis Roberts |
| 34. Sam Gold | 49. Ralph Bettis |
| 35. J. B. Champion | 50. Henry Hendrick |
| 36. Ed Champion | 51. Steve Sarratt |
| 37. Joe Hopson | 52. Tommy Owens |
| 38. James White | 53. Alan Hardin |
| 39. J. G. Hawkins | 54. Billy Joe Earl |
| 40. Larry Hawkins | 55. Max Blanton |
| 41. Johnny Gibson | 56. Don McCurry |
| 42. Louie Allen | 57. Casey Daves |
| 43. Joey Runyan | 58. Jerry Bowser |

New Hope had a ladies softball team with Roy Putnam as coach. We have no record of a Roster.



Front row: 1. to r. Wayne Davis, Frank Morehead, Jerry Runyan, Mike Goff, Skipper York, Johnny Gibson

Back row: 1. to r. Billy Cameron, Ricky Allen, Danny Blanton, Billy Thrift, Joey Runyan, Mr. Ed, Rev. Goff



RA BALL TEAM OF NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Front row, 1 to r. Erich Davis, Dan Blanton, Bryce Lee, Kenny Staggs, Mike Blanton, Tim White, Johnny Wray, Alan Sewell.

Back row, Rev. Farrow, Brian Mabe, Bert Crawford, Rusty Champion, Wayne Patterson, Chris Clark, Bruce White, Dwayne Creswell, Mr. Ed.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
BUDGET—\$2,400.00—1926-1927

Co-operative Program	25%	\$600
Orphanage	3 1-8%	75
Hospital	1%	24
Janitor	3 3-4%	90
Coal and Lights	2 1-4%	54
S. S. and B. Y. P. U.	6 2-3%	160
Help	6 1-4%	150
Washburn	3 3-4%	90
Books	3 1-8%	75
Pastor	45 1-12%	1082
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		100% \$2400

This November 5th, 1926.

By BOARD OF DEACONS

PROPOSED BUDGET 1982-83

100	MISS. PROGRAM-PERCENTAGE FIGURES BASED ON	\$84000.00
101	Cooperative Program 12%	10080.00
102	State Mission Ministry 1%	840.00
103	Association Ministry 3%	2520.00
104	Local Missions 1% (Benevolence 301)	840.00
	TOTAL	14280.00
200	PERSONNEL	
201	Pastor's Salary 225.00 wk	11700.00
202	Pastor's Allowances 105.00 wk	5460.00
	(Car 80.00, Ins. 25.00)	17160.00
203	Pastor's Annuity Plan B 8%	1564.00
	PASTOR'S TOTAL	18724.00
210	Music Director's Salary 62.50 wk	3250.00
215	Secretary's Salary 85.00 wk	3978.00
216	Secretary's Retirement 10%	442.00
	SECRETARY'S TOTAL	4420.00
220	Custodian's Salary 547.50 mo	6570.00
225	Contingency Fund	5200.00
230	Organist 30.00 mo	360.00
235	Pianist 30.00 mo	360.00
240	SOCIAL SECURITY PAID BY CHURCH (EMPLOYERS HALF)	
241	Music Director	
242	Secretary	
243	Custodian	
	TOTAL	1000.00
250	Federal Income Tax & Social Security withheld from employees	
	TOTAL	
251	North Carolina Income Tax withheld from employees	
	(200-251) PERSONNEL TOTAL	39884.00

300 EDUCATION MINISTRIES	
301 Literature - all	3000.00
302 Music - all	640.00
303 Library - all	200.00
304 Audio-Visual	100.00
305 WMU	250.00
306 Acteens	200.00
307 G. A.'s	150.00
308 Baptist Young Women	100.00
309 Mission Friends	50.00
310 Brotherhood	100.00
311 R. A.'s	150.00
312 Vacation Bible School	200.00
313 Youth Program	1000.00
314 Childrens Program	500.00
315 Senior Adults	250.00
316 Sunday School Promotion	150.00
317 Church Training Promotion	200.00
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TOTAL	7240.00
400 SUPPORTING MINISTRIES	
401 Pulpit Supply	150.00
402 Revival	300.00
403 Convention Expense	300.00
404 Stewardship Promotion	50.00
405 Church Bulletins	350.00
406 Offering Envelopes	150.00
407 Postage & Box Rent	400.00
408 Office Supplies	900.00
409 Office Machine Service/Repair	500.00
410 Dining Area Supplies	600.00
411 Flowers for Church & Deaths	400.00
412 Bereaved - meat	300.00
413 Christmas Shutin Program	100.00
414 Ball Teams	400.00
415 Gifts for Graduates	100.00
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TOTAL	5000.00

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501 Electric	2500.00
502 Oil-Heating	2500.00
503 Gas - Heating	400.00
504 Telephone	900.00
505 Property & Personal Liability Ins.	1900.00
506 Bus Insurance	400.00
507 Ball Players Insurance	50.00
508 Building Maintenance	5000.00
509 Ground Maintenance (gas-mowers)	400.00
510 Lawn Mower Service & Repair	400.00
511 Janitorial Supplies	400.00
512 Bus Service, Repairs & Licenses	500.00
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TOTAL	15350.00
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600 MISCELLANEOUS	2246.00
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BUDGET TOTAL	84000.00
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AVERAGE WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS	1615.38
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MEMBERS OF NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH MARCH 1, 1983
411 Members

Mrs. Love McKee Adams
Mrs. Stephen Adams
Mr. Louie Allen
Mrs. Hazeline Allen
Jeannine Allen
Mrs. Rhonda B. Allison
Mr. P. D. Anthony
Mrs. Betty Anthony
Mr. Bobby Austell
Mr. Hugh Austell
Mrs. Anita Austell
Mr. Joe Austell
Mrs. Catherine Austell
Mary Jo Austell
Madge Austell
Mr. Nick Austell
Mrs. Janet Austell
Mr. Thomas Austell
Mrs. Doris Austell
Mrs. Ruby Austell
Mrs. Cynthia Aston

Mrs. Frances Barrett
Mr. Bill Bettis
Mr. Gene Bettis
Mrs. Doris Bettis
Mr. Ralph Bettis
Mrs. Fannie Mae Bettis
Mrs. Beulah Blanton
Max Blanton
Mr. Andrew Blanton, Jr.
Mrs. Martha Blanton
Mike Blanton
Dan Blanton
David Blanton
Mr. Cletus Blanton
Mrs. Alma Blanton
Mr. Gerald Blanton
Mrs. Ruth Blanton
Kevin Blanton
Mr. James Blanton
Mrs. Jimmy Blanton

Mrs. Elva Blanton
Mr. Steve Borders
Mrs. Cindy Borders
Mrs. Myrtle Borders
Carol Bostic
Mr. Dean Bowen
Mr. Evans Bridges
Mrs. Mary Bridges
Miss Rita Bridges
Mr. Kenneth Brown
Mrs. Erie Bryant
Mr. W. C. Burgess
Mrs. Helen Burgess

Mr. W. R. Cameron
Mrs. Mary Cameron
Mr. W. R. Cameron, Jr.
Mrs. Beth Cameron
Miss Carol Cameron
Mr. Richard Cameron
Joyce Hoopaugh Cameron
Mr. Lamar Camp
Mrs. Linda Camp
Sherri Camp
Mrs. Patricia W. Camp
Robert Capps
Mr. Paul Carter
Mrs. Jo Carter
Mr. Ed Champion
Mrs. Delia Champion
Mr. Jeff Champion
Mrs. Evelyn Champion
Jeffrey Champion
Rusty Champion
Mrs. Melba C. Chandler
Mrs. Oveda H. Chapman
Mrs. Mary S. W. Childress
Mrs. Johnny Clark
Chris Clark
Mike Clark
Mrs. Phyllis F. Clark
Mrs. Brenda Clary

Mrs. Joan M. Collins
Mrs. Frances Collins
Autumn Nell Collins
Rhonda Collins
Mr. Lawrence Collins
Mrs. Doris Collins
Mr. Clifford Conley
Mrs. Ann Conley
Mr. Wayne Conley
Lisa Conley
Mrs. Patti A. Cook
Mrs. Shirley Cooke
Mr. Don Cooper
Mrs. Joy Cooper
Jeanna Cornelius
Mr. Bert Crawford
Mrs. Kathy Crawford
Mr. Bobby Crawford
Mrs. Anne Crawford
Mr. Bruce Crawford
Beverly Crawford
Mr. Vernon Crawford
Mrs. Mary Hazel Crawford

Mr. Casey Daves
Mrs. Brenda Daves
Mrs. Betty Daves
Mrs. Betty M. Davis
Mrs. Mae Davis
Mrs. Shirley Davis
Erich Davis
Mr. Gene T. Davis
Miss Georgia Davis
Mr. Joe Davis
Mrs. Lyndal Davis
Mr. Joe R. Davis
Mrs. Loujesta Davis
Mrs. Lula Davis
Miss Marie Davis
Mr. Paul Davis
Mrs. Mary Helen Davis
Denise Davis
Mark Davis
Mrs. Edith Dawson
Mr. Bobby Deloatch

Mr. Ned Dedmon
Mrs. Delores Dedmon
Andrew Dedmon
Danny Dedmon
Stuart Dysart
Lindy Ann Dysart

Mrs. Hester Eaker
Mr. Billy Joe Earl
Mr. Douglas Earl
Mrs. Donice Earl
Vance Earl
Mr. Edgar Lee Earl
Mr. Evans Earl
Mrs. Ruth Earl
Mrs. Millie Earl
Miss Thelma Earl
Mrs. Kathleen Edmondson
Mr. Walter Edwards
Mrs. Pansie Elinburg
Mr. Paul Ellis
Mrs. Lucille E. Evans

Mr. Jim Fitch
Mrs. Nancy Fitch
Mr. Clem Francis
Mrs. Gracie Francis
Mr. Jack Francis
Mrs. Minda Francis
Mr. Jeff Francis
Mrs. Mary M. Freeman
Terry Freeman

Mrs. Charlene Gardner
Mr. Bill Gettys
Mrs. Barbara Gettys
Mr. Hershell Gibson
Mrs. Lucille Gibson
Mr. Leonard Gibson
Mrs. Jeanette Gibson
Jimmy Gibson
David Gibson
Miss Lizzie Gibson

Mr. Harrison Glenn
Mrs. Pearl Glenn
Mr. Steve Glenn
Mrs. Rita Glenn
Mrs. Inez Gold
Mr. Sam Gold
Mrs. Marlene Gold
Tommy Gold
Rev. M. David Gordon
Mrs. Carolyn Gordon
Amy Gordon
Mr. Austell Graham
Mrs. Betty Graham
Beth Graham
Mrs. Kathy A. Grigg
Mrs. Louise D. Grigg
Mrs. Hugh Gunthorpe

Mrs. Kathleen Hamby
Mr. Bob Hambright
Mrs. Bob Hambright
Mr. Tom Hambright
Mrs. C. L. Hammett
Mr. Buren Hamrick
Mrs. Beth Hamrick
Mr. Keith Hamrick
Mrs. Phyllis Hamrick
Mr. Alan Hardin
Mrs. Margie Hardin
Julia Hardin
Charlene Hardin
Dawn Hardin
Mr. Dallas Harrill
Mr. Milford Harrill
Mr. J. G. Hawkins
Mrs. J. G. Hawkins
Linda Hawkins
Larry Hawkins
Mr. Talmadge Hastings
Mrs. Emma Hastings
Mr. Arthur Hayes
Mrs. Louise Hayes
Mrs. Dorothy Hayes
Mr. Eddie Heffner
Mr. Henry Hendrick

Mrs. Jackie Hendrick
Mr. Thomas A. Hill, Jr.
Mr. Ray Hoke
Mrs. Jane Hoke
Randy Hoopaugh
Mr. B. H. Hopper
Mrs. Gladys Hopper
Mr. Joe Hopson
Mrs. Pat Hopson
Roger Hopson
Christy Hopson
Mrs. Denise Hotchkiss
Mrs. Lib Hoyle
Wayne Hoyle
Mr. George Howell
Mrs. George Howell
Barbara Howell
Mrs. Judy P. Hutchen

Mrs. Charles Ivey

Mr. Steve Jackson
Mrs. Peggy Jackson
Sherri Jackson
Mike Jackson
Mrs. Sherre W. Johnson
Mrs. Jan R. Jolley
Mrs. Dennis Jolly
Mr. James Jones
Mrs. Wilma Jones
Mr. Charles Judd

Miss Nancy Kimsey

Mr. Claude Lavender
Mrs. Jackie Lavender
Susan Lavender
Lynn Lavender
Betsy Lavender
Mrs. Bess Lavender
Mr. C. Q. Lavender
Mrs. Lib Lavender

Mr. Dennis Lee
Mrs. Norris Lee
Bryce Lee
Mr. Larry Lemons
Mrs. Larry Lemons
Mr. Clarence Littlefield
Miss Sara Littlefield
Mrs. Grace R. Lyerly
Miss Joan Lyerly

Mrs. Dianne McCraw
Steve McCraw
Mr. Don McCurry
Mrs. Kathryn McCurry
Mr. Gene McCurry
Mr. Rodney McCullough
Mrs. Lula McSwain
Mrs. Eva McSwain
Mr. Marvin McSwain
Mrs. Dot McSwain
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